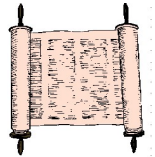


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FROM THE EDITOR:

What is contained in the pages of this magazine is a combination of tracts and articles that we at Y.E.A. have put together. This publication will explain the state and condition wherein we find ourselves in today's world concerning which day is the true Sabbath. There is a proverb or statement that says, Things are not always as they appear. Another saying is, A deceived person doesn't know that he is deceived. As you peruse the simple little articles that you will find in the pages of this magazine, we truly do hope and pray that the truth will be revealed to you.

RESTORING THE SABBATH

The seventh day Sabbath was established at the creation account in the beginning. Our Creator did this with great purpose in mind. Today, it has been so neglected and forgotten, but researchers have found that there is a natural sabbatical rhythm that we should pay attention to for our own health's sake.

I have an article from the *USA Weekend* newspaper supplement dated April 2-4, 1999 entitled "Remember the Sabbath?" written by Wayne Muller. I have intended to utilize this article as a foundation for focusing on Sabbath importance for several years now, since this weekly publication met my eyes and caught my attention. It seems that Harvard President Neil Rudenstine collapsed after years of non-stop toil in an atmosphere that rewarded frantic overwork. Even *Newsweek* magazine got into the fray by putting his picture on the cover with the headline banner "Exhausted!"

This, of course, got Mr. Muller to thinking on the importance of rest, especially the Sabbath rest. Hence, his article that appeared in *USA Weekend* as well as a book entitled *Sabbath: Remembering the Sacred Rhythm of Rest and Delight*.

Mr. Muller made several excellent points in his article that should be shared and focused upon in order to reveal the importance of restoring the Sabbath as our Creator Yahweh originally ordained. His first point is that "In the relentless busyness of modern life, we have lost the rhythm between action and rest." He stated that he has visited the wealthiest and poorest of homes and all decry the same thing, "I am so busy." As we get older, it seems that life speeds up. This causes people to feel weary, overwhelmed and lost. As endless activity continues to pile upon itself, the experience of life melts into one enormous obligation. While this fervent activity causes us to have a feeling of self-importance, it causes us to be un-

available to our friends, family, and unable to enjoy many of the more spectacular things in life such as a simple sunset or sunrise. To whiz through obligations without time to even take a breath has become the model of a successful life.

His second point is "**Because we do not rest, we lose our way.**" He says that we miss the compass points that show us where to go. We lose the nourishment that gives us succor, the quiet that gives us wisdom. We become poisoned by the hypnotic belief that good things come only through tireless effort. Thus, we never truly rest. This puts our lives in danger. A frenzied rushing world saturated with work and responsibility actually leave us

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bereft of joy and delight.

A third point is "Much of modern life is specifically designed to seduce our attention away from Sabbath rest." The world seduces us with hundreds of TV channels via cable and satellite. Phones with multiple lines and call-waiting allowing us to speak with more than one person at a time. Computers, e-mail, fax machines, billboards, magazines, newspapers, radio, etc., all compete for our time, attention and energy. Buy me. Do me. Watch me. Try me. Drink Me. We are living in a modern world, which has been made into a horrific wonderland.

A fourth point is "Sabbath time is a

revolutionary challenge to the violence of overwork, because it honors the necessary wisdom of dormancy." He utilized a surgeon as an example. Physicians are trained to work when they're exhausted, required to perform when they are sleep-deprived, hurried and overloaded. One man, a thoughtful physician admitted that the more exhausted he was, the more tests he would order for his patients. Because of his exhaustion, he could hear the patients describing the symptoms and could recognize their symptoms and formulate possible diagnoses, but simply wasn't able to fit it all together. However, he discovered that when he rested, he could rely on his intuition and experience to tell him what was needed.

Of course, we have heard of the horror stories where mistakes were made on the operating table, or people were prescribed the wrong medicines. We don't hear it all because the medical profession wants to suppress any negatives related to them.

The author surmised, "If certain plant species do not lie dormant during the winter, the plant begins to die off. **Rest is not just a psychological convenience; it is a spiritual and biological necessity.** Perhaps this is why, in most spiritual traditions, 'Remember the Sabbath' is more than simply a lifestyle suggestion. It is a commandment, an ethical precept as serious as prohibitions against killing, stealing and lying."

Wow! What an observation!

A LIFE RESTORING RHYTHM

It is important to notice that the author mentions a "rhythm between action and rest" even inculcating the words "Sacred rhythm of rest" in the title of his book. This should be a key to help us to understand that our Creator Yahweh in making the earth as He did, instituted a rhythm of rest into the work of His hands. In Genesis chapter 1 and the first part of chapter 2 we find that He performed the acts of creation in six days, but rested on the seventh. Through the pouring out of the manna (bread from heaven) for the Israelite's sustenance in the wilderness (Ex. 16), Yahweh pointed out the true seven-day cycle to them. They were to gather the manna for six days. On the sixth day they would have twice as much as the previous five days. This double portion was for the sixth and seventh days so that the people could rest on the seventh.

Yahweh made the creation and man upon it. Our Creator knows how important the seven-day cycle is to His creation and especially for man. He wants us to work for six days and rest on the seventh, getting into a rhythm that will be most beneficial for us. Even though it is one of His commandments, He gave us that commandment because He made us and knows what is best for us. The problem is that we, His creation, think that we know what is better for ourselves than our very own Maker.

Here is an interesting excerpt from the book "Time and Space", pg. 80-81. "While daily and seasonal cycles have an obvious link to the sun, and monthly cycles appear connected to the moon, NOTHING, in nature is **clearly** responsible for a WEEKLY rhythm. Chronobiologists have discovered that seven-day cycles exist throughout nature, from bacteria and other simple forms of life

to all species of mammals, including HUMAN BEINGS. For reasons that remain unclear, blood pressure, heartbeat, and body temperature have all been shown to have **weekly** as well as daily rhythms. The rise and fall of several body chemicals, including cortisol, the hormone that helps the body combat stress, also have weekly cycles. Most astonishing has been the discovery that the body's **immune system** seems to be vulnerable in seven-day intervals. Long before penicillin came into use, doctors were acutely aware that pneumonia and malaria patients were at greatest risk around the seventh day of their illness. Today, surgeons who perform organ transplants know that the immune systems of their patients are most likely to reject the new organs in seven-day cycles."

Some object to Sabbath observance because it appears to be something that is forced upon us and is legalistic. But for those of us who have dedicated our lives to our Creator and His instruction

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manual for us, it doesn't take long for us to begin to really appreciate the Sabbath and eagerly anticipate it at the end of every six-day work cycle. The Sabbath becomes a joy. It is a day for us to forget our worldly labors and leave them behind.

The Sabbath is established for peace and rest. While believers realize that their true peace and rest comes through the Messiah Yahshua, the fact of the matter is that we still live in this world physically, and our physical bodies need rest and relaxation. When we get into the rhythm that our Creator designed for us, both for physi-

cal and spiritual purposes, it has a life restoring effect.

THE COMPASS

Mr. Muller pointed out that when we don't rest on the Sabbath we lose our way by missing the compass points, which show us where to go. How true this statement is! The Sabbath cycle is a most wondrous guiding light. It truly is a compass directing us through the points of life. In the first place, the Sabbath is a memorial to creation and our Creator Yahweh. It should remind us that we are not here by accident irregardless of what the evolutionists want to make us believe. It should remind us of the greatness of our Creator and Elohim Yahweh. He speaks, He sends His word forth and things are created (Psa. 33:9).

When we forget to rest, especially in accordance with Yahweh's commanded rest, we become just as confused as the physician spoken of above. We forget about our Creator and the power that He possesses. We give ourselves over to those who are unbelievers and allow them to destroy faith by teaching us the fables of evolution.

Yahweh told His people Israel that the Sabbath was a sign between Him and them, that He was their Elohim Who sanctifies them (Ex. 31:13, Ez. 20:12). If we neglect His commanded Sabbath, then we become careless and confused. We forget that we are His creation. We forget that He has a wondrous plan and purpose, not only for the heavens and earth, but for us. We then miss the mark, fall by the wayside and flounder around in hopelessness and meaninglessness.

Yahweh gives us a point to aim at every seven days. That point also directs us to His marvelous plan for creation. If we observe His commanded seventh day Sabbath, then we are not only reminded that we have a wondrous Creator Who is powerful and intelligent far be-

yond our understanding, but we are also reminded of the point that He has aimed at. You see, a day to Yahweh is as a thousand years and a thousand years as a day (1 Pet. 3:8). Therefore, we understand that Yahweh has allowed six one thousand year days wherein man has been allowed to work his own works, but that seventh one thousand year period will belong to Yahweh and His kingdom and rest will be taking place on this earth. Those who refuse to observe Yahweh's commanded Sabbath day rest lose the compass of understanding and will be unprepared for His soon coming intervention.

THE PLEA

The author makes a plea for renewed Sabbath-keeping. He states that, as a nation we can't live like this, endlessly rushing around in a desperate frenzy, never stopping to enjoy the blessings of family and friends, unable to taste the fruits of life. However, he resists a return to some forced, legalistic Sabbath such as the seventh day Sabbath commanded by Yahweh, as well as the Sunday rest originally imposed by Constantine and Christianity. Therefore, he encourages a revolutionary change in our selves to set aside just one day, or maybe an afternoon or just one hour wherein we might repose from our hectic schedules in order to be refreshed; in order to drink from the fountain of rest and delight.

The sad thing about the article that this man has written is that he begins proving a need for rest. He reveals that if we continue to push ourselves to the brink of exhaustion, we lose our efficiency. This has been known by business and enterprise for quite sometime. After so many hours and days of work without rest, efficiency suffers, quantity and quality suffers, safety suffers, etc. He went a long way in proving that there is a seven day cycle in practically all life

forms, yet he fell short in encouraging a review of what our Creator established and commanded for our own benefit. He even made the statement, "Much of modern life is specifically designed to seduce our attention away from Sabbath rest." What a statement!

However, we can't be so short-sighted! We can realize that the Sabbath rest was given and commanded by a Creator Who cared for the works of His hands. A Creator Who knew what was, what is best for us. A Creator Who left instructions for us so that we could rest, be refreshed and not only drink from the fountain of rest and delight, but also from the fountain of salvation. You see, Yahweh gave us primarily Ten Commandments to live by. These commandments define what sin is. The Apostle Paul wrote, "What shall we say then? Is the law sin? Yahweh forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, 'Thou shalt not covet,'" Ro. 7:7.

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The Apostle John wrote, "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law," 1 Jn. 3:4. Both Paul and John have defined sin for us in these verses.

How many ministers, how many churches teach against sin? How many give powerful sermons against sin, but never define exactly what sin is? How many of those ministers are sermonizing against

sin and are giving those sermons on the first day of the week and not on the commanded seventh day Sabbath?

The commandments forbid murder, theft, idolatry, adultery, deceit, fraud, etc. To break one point of the commandments is to break them all, "For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all," Jas. 2:10. The seventh day Sabbath command is one of the Ten Commandments. Yahweh never changed it, man has!

Our plea is that you come to realize that the seventh day Sabbath command is just important as the other nine commandments. Our plea is that you come to realize that our desire should be to live a life without purposeful sin. Our plea is that you recognize your Creator and begin to inculcate His commanded seventh day Sabbath rest into your lives. Yes, the world does all that it can to thwart the commanded Sabbath, but you can take control of your own life with help from your Creator. Pull yourself away from the cares of the world for one day a week. Make it the day that your Creator set aside for you and for His creation in the beginning. Begin to drink from the true fountain of rest and delight!

By Jerry Healan

SHOULD A NEW TESTAMENT BELIEVER OBSERVE

THE SABBATH DAY?

A search throughout the Bible, both Old and New Testaments, reveals that the only day of the week that was named by Yahweh or even called by name at any time was the sabbath. Yet, today we have given names to every day of the week. What does it all mean? Why wouldn't Yahweh and His followers name the days of the week? Why does man? Is it significant? Furthermore, we know that there is an Old Testament command to keep the sabbath, but, is there a place in the New Testament that actually commands us to keep it? There is! If these questions have stirred your curiosity then this article is for you!

We find that the seventh day rest was established early on by Yahweh at creation. He began by calling each day according to its corresponding number, not by a name, therefore we find the first day (Gen. 1:5), the second day (Gen. 1:8), the third day (Gen. 1:13), the fourth day (Gen. 1:19), the fifth day (Gen. 1:23), the sixth day (Gen. 1:31) and the seventh day (Gen. 2:2-3).

But He did something different on the seventh day from all the other days for it is recorded that, "He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had made. And Elohim blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it He had rested from all His work which Elohim created and made," Gen. 2:2-3.

A quick look at the Hebrew word for "rested" is quite revealing for it is #7673 in Strong's Exhaustive Concordance, the word being "shabath" and its meaning is given thusly; a prim. root; to repose, i.e. desist from exertion; used in many impl. relations (caus., fig. or spec.) and is generally translated:- (cause to, make to) cease, celebrate, cause (make) to fail, keep (sabbath), suffer to be lacking, leave, put away (down), (make to) rest, rid, still, take away.

What did Yahweh cause to fail, take away, put away, leave, suffer to be lacking on the seventh day? Wasn't it work, or exertion? Didn't He institute rest, repose, "shabath" for the seventh day rather than work?

Yahweh used a play on words for seventh and rest, for, as we have already found out, the Hebrew word for rest or rested is "shabath," but the Hebrew word for "seventh" is "shebiy'iy" which comes from the primitive root word for "seven" which is "sheba" or "shaba" meaning seven (as the sacred full one); also (adv.) seven times; by

impl. a week, to be complete, to seven oneself.

The commandment of Ex. 20:8-11 says, "Remember the sabbath (Heb. "shabbath/שַׁבָּת" which means intermission coming from "shabath," rest) day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work: but the seventh (shebiy'iy/שְׁבִייעִי coming from shaba\sheba) day is the sabbath (shabbath/) of Yahweh thy Elohim: 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 Yahweh made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh (shebiy'iy/shaba) day: where-

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fore Yahweh blessed the sabbath (shabbath) day, and hallowed it.

The Hebrew word for "blessed" is "barak." It means: to kneel; by impl. to "bless" Elohim (as an act of adoration) and (vice-versa) man (as a benefit). So when Yahshua said that the sabbath was made for man and not man for the sabbath (Mk. 2:27), He was saying that the sabbath, the rest (the shabath) was made for man's benefit. Man could find "rest" (shabath) from all his works.

I remember working for a company as a young man that for weeks on end worked us seven days a week and usually 10, 12 or even 16 hours a day. I loved the extra money I made from the overtime, but I remember being so tired and worn out at night. It was

also very difficult to get up the next morning. Working seven days week after week and month after month wore us down physically and psychologically. I came to hate that place so much that in spite of the good money, I quit in disgust.

Man needs rest (shabath) from his labors. It is a benefit to us to rest at least one day a week. Most of the world has recognized this and set aside a day of rest but not the day commanded by Yahweh.

THE HOLY DAY

The commandment states further that Yahweh "hallowed" the seventh day. The Hebrew word for "hallowed" is "qadash." It means; to be (caus. make, pronounce or observe as) clean (ceremonially or morally), consecrate, appoint, dedicate, (be, keep) holy, purify, sanctify.

Yahweh dedicated, appointed the seventh (shebiy'iy/-shaba) day sabbath (shabbath) rest to be clean, pure, holy, sanctified, set aside for a benefit to man so that man could bless and worship His Creator and be blessed in return.

We find in Ex. 16:23-26, 29-30, Moses saying, "This is that which Yahweh hath said, 'Tomorrow is the rest (sabbaton) unto Yahweh: bake that which ye will bake today, and seethe that ye will seethe; and that which remaineth over lay up for you to be kept until the morning.' And they laid it up till the morning, as Moses bade: and it did not stink, neither was there any worm therein. And Moses said, 'Eat that to day; for to day is a sabbath (shabbath) unto Yahweh: to day ye shall not find it (the manna) in the field. Six days ye shall gather it (work); but on the seventh shebiy'iy/shaba) day, which is the sabbath

(shabbath), in it there shall be none.....See, for that Yahweh hath given you the sabbath (shabbath), therefore he giveth you on the sixth day the bread of two days; abide you every man in his place, let no man go out of his place on the seventh (shebiy'iy/shaba) day."

Yahweh used the manna, bread from heaven, to reinstate the true sabbath to Israel. They were to work six days according to the commandment gathering twice as much manna only on the sixth day so they could rest (sabaton) on the seventh (shebiy'iy/shaba) day sabbath (shabbath).

A SIGN

Exodus 31 adds more information, "And Yahweh 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 Yahweh That doth sanctify you. Ye shall keep the sabbath (shabbath) therefore; for it is holy 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 (shebiy'iy/shaba) is the sabbath (shabbath) of rest (sabaton), holy to Yahweh: whosoever doeth any work in the sabbath (shabbath) day, he shall surely be put do death.' Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath (shabbath); to observe the sabbath (shabbath) throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant. It is a sign between Me and the children of Israel for ever: for in six days Yahweh made heaven and earth, and on the seventh (shebiy'iy/shaba) He rested (shabath), and was refreshed," v.v. 12-17.

The Hebrew word for "sign" is "owth." It also means; a signal (lit. or fig.), as a flag, beacon, monument, omen, prodigy, evidence, etc. When one looks at all these meanings he gets more of a sense of the importance of it doesn't he?

Yahweh says that the sabbath was a sign, flag, beacon, monument, evidence between Him and Israel, a perpetual (never-ending) covenant, that He, Yahweh, was the One Who sanc-

tified them. To sanctify means to make clean, pure, holy, etc.

When one turns from the sabbath defiling and polluting it, he is also turning away from Yahweh. Yahweh is the Creator, the Life and Law-giver. Turning from the Sabbath is to reject Yahweh, the Creator, Life and Law-giver. One therefore turns to the destroyer who perpetrates lawlessness and death in turning away from the sabbath and Yahweh. Hence, Yahweh judged death to any who defiled and polluted it.

SABBATH RESULTS

Isaiah was inspired to write, "Thus saith Yahweh, 'Keep ye judgment, and do justice: for My salvation (yeshuwa) is near to come, and My righteousness to be revealed. Blessed is the man that doeth this, and the son of man that layeth hold on it; that keepeth the sabbath (shabbath) from polluting it, and keepeth his hand from doing any evil," Isa. 56:1-2.

Judgment, justice, salvation and righteousness are associated with the sabbath. Pollution and evil are associated with turning away from it.

Isaiah also is inspired to record a promise in chapter 58, "If thou turn

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away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on MY HOLY DAY; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of Yahweh, honourable; and shalt honour Him, NOT DOING THINE OWN WAYS, NOR FINDING THINE OWN PLEASURE, NOR SPEAKING THINE OWN WORDS (ceasing from our own work): then shalt thou delight thyself in Yahweh; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage (inheritance) of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of Yahweh hath spoken it," v.v. 13-14. Yahweh, the Elohim Who cannot lie, promises tremendous blessings for sabbath observance.

As I have gone through the commandments on the seventh day sabbath I have focused on the Hebrew enunciation for seventh/seven

(shebiy'iy/shaba), rest (sabaton) and sabbath (shabbath) for a reason. Seven, seventh, rest and sabbath all stem from the same root word. In the Hebrew linguistics, the interplay on the words seventh, seven, rest and sabbath cannot ever allow for another day to be substituted for the seventh day. Neither the first day of the week, as in nominal Christianity, nor the sixth day, as in Mohammedanism nor can any other day in between be substituted. The interplay between the words simply forbid such.

Yahweh does not change (Mal. 3:6) nor does Yahshua the Messiah (Heb. 13:8). Yahshua fulfilled, kept, performed His Father Yahweh's law (Mt. 5:17). He was not a rebel. What belongs to the Father belongs to the Son (Jn. 16:15) and vice versa (Jn. 17:10).

Christianity observes the first day of the week and adheres to a savior that rebelliously did away with His Father's law. Careful study of the scripture proves that such just is not the case. Yahshua was obedient and faithful teaching faithfulness to Yahweh's law, not disobedience. He severely chastized the Pharisees, Scribes and Sadducees for holding to their traditions over the law making the law of none effect rather than for obedience to the law (Mt. 5:1-9, Mk. 7:1-13).

THE NEW TESTAMENT COMMAND

Where is the New Testament command to keep the sabbath day? It is found in the book of Hebrews. The book of Hebrews was written to Hebrews. Its originally inspired language would have been Hebrew, not Greek.

Hebrews chapters 3 and 4 speak of Yahweh's rest. It is recorded in Heb. 3, "Wherefore (as the Holy Spirit saith, 'To day if ye will hear His voice, harden not your hearts as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness: when your fathers tempted Me, proved Me, and saw My works forty years. Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, They do alway err in their heart; and they have not known My ways. So I swear in My wrath, 'They shall not enter into My rest,')" v.v. 7-11.

This verse is taken from Psa. 95:8-11. The Hebrew word for "rest" here would be "menuwchah" meaning; re-

pose or adv. peacefully; fig. consolation (spec. matrimony; hence (concr.) an abode. The abode was the land of Canaan, the covenant was a marriage between Yahweh and Israel. Israel's faithful obedience would have brought rest, peace.

Later, in chapter three, it says, "And to whom sware He that they should not enter into His rest (menuwchah), but to them that believed not? So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief," Heb. 3:18-19.

Continuing in chapter 4, "Let us therefore fear, lest a promise being left us of entering into His rest (menuwchah), any of you should seem to come short of it. For unto us was the evangel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it," (v.v. 1-2).

What "rest" do we hope for? Isn't it the "menuwchah?" Isn't it the marriage to Yahshua the Messiah and the hope of the land of Canaan beginning at Jerusalem, Yahweh's kingdom, which will grow to fill the earth? Isn't it the millennial rule, the seventh (shebiy'iy) period of one thousand years of which the sabbath (shabbath) is a type?

Continue in Hebrews 4, "For we which have believed do enter into rest (menuwchah), as He said, 'As I have sworn in My wrath, if they shall enter into My rest (menuwchah):' although the works were finished from the foundation of the world. For He spake in a certain place of the seventh (shebiy'iy/shaba) day on this wise, 'And Elohim did rest (shabath) the seventh (shebiy'iy/shaba) day from all His works,' and in this place again, 'If they shall enter into My rest (menuwchah).' 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,' after so long a time; as it is said, 'To day if ye will hear His voice, harden not your hearts.' For if Yahshua (son of Nun) had given them rest (menuwchah) then would He not afterward have spoken of another day. There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of Yahweh. (The Greek word used here for rest is "sabbatismos" coming from the Hebrew word "shabbath," sab-

bath.)," Heb. 4:3-9.

Let us look at how the Greek Interlinear renders verses 4-9, "He has said For somewhere about the seventh (day) thus: And rested Elohim in the day seventh from all the works of Him; and in this (place) again, If they shall enter into the rest of Me. Since therefore it remains (for) some to enter into it, and those before having had the evangel preached not entered for disobedience, again a certain marks out day: Today: in David saying after such a time, as he has said, Today, if the voice of Him you hear, do not harden the hearts of you. if For them Yahshua rested not concerning another he would have spoken after these things day then remains a sabbath rest to the people of Yahweh."

Putting it in a little clearer vernacular, "For He has said thus somewhere about the seventh day: And Elohim rested the seventh day from all the works of Him; and again in this (place), If they shall enter into the rest of Mine. Since therefore it remains for some to enter into it, and those having had the evangel preached entered not for disobedience, again marks out a certain day in David saying Today; after such a time, as he has said, Today, if you hear the voice of Him, do

The Sabbath is a perpetual, a never ending covenant.

not harden the hearts of you. For if Yahshua rested them, He would not have spoken after these things concerning another day. Then remains the sabbath rest to the people of Yahweh."

Remember the book of Hebrews was written to Hebrews and would have been written in Hebrew. Hebrew linguistics could not allow substitution for any other day than the seventh (shebiy'iy/shaba) day sabbath (shabbath) rest (shabath). But even the Greek agrees by using the Greek word "sabbatismos" coming from the Hebrew word shabbath/sabbath!

Let's continue in Hebrews 4, "For he that is entered into His rest (menuwchah), he also hath ceased from his own works, as Elohim did from His," (v.v. 10). (When did Elohim, when did Yahweh cease from His works? The seventh day!)

"Let us labor therefore to enter into that rest (menuwchah), lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief (should be 'disobedience')," (v.v. 11).

Here is our New Testament command to keep Yahweh's sabbath day! We must cease from our own labors as Yahweh did from His. It is no secret that Yahweh ceased from His labors on the seventh (shebiy'iy/shaba) day, resting (shabath) and therefore creating the sabbath (shabbath).

What did the people of Israel do? Even though Yahweh gave a double portion on the sixth day so that they could save a portion over to the seventh day and therefore rest, many still went out in disobedience to gather on the seventh day finding none as Yahweh said would happen.

Isaiah testified that those who came into the land of Canaan, the abode, the rest (menuwchah) still disobeyed, polluted and profaned the sabbaths and were eventually rejected by Yahweh and ejected from the land going into captivity.

We are warned today that we have a better covenant based on better promises and we must not harden our hearts as in the day of Israel's provocation when they not only disbelieved Yahweh but disobeyed.

The Sabbath is a perpetual, a never ending covenant. We must fear Yahweh and enter into His commanded rest (shabath) so that we may soon enter into the promised rest (menuwchah).

MENUWCHAH

As we have seen, the word rest (menuwchah) also means matrimony, abode, consolation, quiet or resting place. In the book of Hebrews it is used to refer to the coming rest, the kingdom, the millennial rule.

The book of Revelation speaks of that rest. We learn in Rev. 14 after the fall of Babylon is announced that the statement is made, "Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of Yahweh, and the faith of Yahshua. And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, 'Write,' 'Blessed are the dead which die in the Master (Yahshua) from hence forth: yea saith the Spirit, that they may REST from their labours; and their works do follow them,'" v.v.

11-13.

Yahshua warned us, "Enter ye in at the strait gate....Because strait is the gate and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it," Mt. 7:12,14.

The word "strait" means, narrow (from obstacles standing close about). The word "narrow" is the Greek word "thlibo" meaning also to crowd (lit. or fig.), afflict, throng, suffer, tribulation, trouble.

When anyone first hears the "truth" what are their chief obstacles? What stands close to them as obstacles? Isn't it "loved ones?" It may be a husband, wife, children, parents, other relatives, friends, etc. It may also be a job that stands in the way of the sabbath and holy days.

Such close things begin to trouble, persecute and afflict the one going the way of truth. It causes many to simply give up on it and continue in the easy ways of this world, the broad way.

But a few will set their minds on the truth and steam forward full speed ahead. It may cost them many close ones or job or whatever, but the truth of the kingdom is much more precious to them.

The road is never easy for after the initial shock of losing loved ones, job, etc., they continue to have obstacle after obstacle, trial after trial, persecution after persecution, tribulation after tribulation.

The believer not only has his personal trials but the body of Messiah collectively has trial after trial when we attempt to do Yahweh's work. Branded as "heretics" and "deceivers" Satan continues to throw obstacle after obstacle into the path of Yahweh's work. He sows tares among the wheat which spring up more rapidly overshadowing the wheat, choking them out, as well as, leeching the nutrients from them.

Many "false" brethren will also come in causing disruptions, sowing discord, doubt, confusion in order to lead away a following of their own. Therefore, the true believers are buffeted without and within. The obstacles continue to "crowd" in on the true believers but if we will keep our eyes focused on Yahshua and into Yahweh's word we will be able to overcome and endure.

We must remember that in this

world, this life, we will receive tribulation and persecution for working true works. In the life to come we will find "rest" (menuwchah).

Notice that Rev. 14:12 says the saints keep the "commandments" of Yahweh and the "faith" of Yahshua. The two go hand in hand. They are not separate from one another.

MARRIAGE & LOVE

Menuwchah also means "marriage" and the book of Revelation reveals the coming marriage of the Lamb, "Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to Him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and His wife hath made herself ready.' And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of the saints. And he saith unto me, 'Write, 'Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb.'" And he saith unto me, 'These are the true sayings of Elohim,'" Rev. 19:7-9.

It seems that most people overlook the fact that being righteous is important with Yahweh. Psalm 119 goes hand in hand with Romans and 1 John helps us sum up what righteousness is, for the Psalmist says, "Thy righteous-

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ness is an everlasting righteousness, and **THY LAW IS TRUTH,"** Psa. 119:142. "...all **THY COMMANDMENTS ARE TRUTH,"** Psa. 119:151. "**THY WORD IS TRUE** from the beginning: and every one of **THY RIGHTEOUS JUDGMENTS ENDURETH FOR EVER,"** Psa. 119:160. "My tongue shall speak of thy word: for **ALL THY COMMANDMENTS ARE RIGHTEOUSNESS,"** Psa. 119:172.

From this Psalm we learn that Yahweh's law, His commandments, His word is truth, in other words it is the definition of truth. We also obtain the definition of righteousness for it says, "Thy commandments are righteous-

ness."

The definition of love is found in the book of Romans, "Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for **HE THAT LOVETH ANOTHER HATH FULFILLED THE LAW.** For this, 'Thou shalt not commit adultery, thou shalt not kill, thou shalt not steal, thou shalt not bear false witness, thou shalt not covet;' and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, 'Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.' Love worketh no ill to his neighbor therefore **LOVE IS THE FULFILLING OF THE LAW,"** Ro. 13:8-10. Therefore we have an added definition of Yahweh's law which is love.

A LIGHT

Furthermore Psa. 119:103 says, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." In Psa. 119:160 we found that Yahweh's word is true (truth). Also verse 172 speaks of Yahweh's word saying that the commandments are righteousness. Yahweh's commandments are His word which is defined as light. Yahweh's law, His commandments, His word is truth, righteousness, love and light. More could be added but this will suffice for now.

Yahshua said, "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill," Mt. 5:17. In fulfilling the law He performed, obeyed, worked all righteousness, love, truth, light.

The apostle John bears witness to this word of Yahweh, "In the beginning was the word, and the word was with Elohim, and the word was Elohim. The same was in the beginning with Elohim. All things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life; and the life was the **LIGHT** of men. And the **LIGHT** shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from Elohim, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the **LIGHT**, that all men through him might believe. He was not the **LIGHT**, but was sent to bear witness of that **LIGHT**. That was the true **LIGHT** which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. (This sentence probably should read thusly,

"That the true light which enlightens every man was coming into the world.) He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and world knew Him not. But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of Elohim, even to them that believe on His name: Which were born (s/b begotten/conceived), not of blood (original Gk.= bloods which would mean blood lines, genealogies), nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of Elohim. And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. John bare witness of Him, and cried, saying, 'This was He of Whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for He was before me.' And of His fulness have all we received, and grace for grace. For the Law was given by Moses, but grace and truth by Yahshua the Messiah (*The Greek Interlinear* renders it, "grace and truth through Yahshua Messiah came into being")," Jn. 1:1-17.

We find herein that Yahshua was the Word, (v.v. 1, 14) and Light (v.v. 4, 7, 8 and 9), that He was full of Truth (v.v. 14, 17). Since the word, the law, the commandments are described as Light and truth we can only deduct that Yahshua is the law personified, the law of life, light, truth, righteousness, brought into reality, into existence for man. It is through Him that we may enter into life, truth, righteousness, the law of life.

It is interesting that the word for life in Jn. 1:4 is the Greek word "zoe." *Bullinger's Companion Bible* says, "i.e. fountain of life." He further comments on it in Appendix 170. 1 : zoe = life in all its manifestations; from the life of Elohim down to the lowest vegetable. It is life in activity, and thus especially is the opposite of death. It involves resurrection life and eternal life; and hence, as such, is the "gift of Elohim" (Rom. 6:23; 1 Jn. 5:12). For the same reason its verb "zao" is frequently used of, and put for, resurrection life (Mt. 9:18; Mk. 16:11; Lk. 24: 5, 23; Jn. 11:25-26; Acts 1:3; 9:41; 25:19; Ro. 6:10; 14:9; 2 Cor. 13:4; Rev. 1:18; 2:8; 13:14; 20:4, 5).

John adds, "That which was from the beginning, which we have heard,

which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of THE WORD OF LIFE; (for the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that ETERNAL LIFE, which was with [Gk. "pros" = by the side of] the Father, and was manifested unto us;) That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Yahshua the Messiah," 1 Jn. 1:1-3.

Both John and Bullinger agree that Yahshua is life, the life of men, eternal life. John continues, "This is the message which we have heard of Him, and declare unto you, that Elohim/Yahweh is LIGHT, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: but if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another and the blood of Yahshua the Messiah His Son cleanseth us from all sin," 1 Jn. 1:5-7.

John also says, "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law," 1 Jn. 3:4. Herein is the definition of sin. Sin is the opposite of law, law-

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lessness is the opposite of righteousness just as darkness is the opposite of light, lies are the opposite of truth, death is the opposite of life.

Yahweh and His Son Yahshua are light, life, truth, law. How can the bride of the Lamb prepare herself for the marriage?

Israel was married to Yahweh at one time, "Turn, O backsliding children, saith Yahweh, for I am married unto you," Jer. 3:14. But Yahweh divorced them, casting them out of the land of Canaan because of their rebellious disobedience.

We are reminded in the book of

Acts, "Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, 'We ought to OBEY Yahweh rather than men. The Elohim of our fathers raised up Yahshua, Whom ye slew and hanged on a tree. Him hath Yahweh exalted with His right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness (grace, mercy) of sins. And we are His witnesses of these things; and so is the Holy Spirit, Whom Yahweh hath given to them that OBEY HIM," Acts 5:29-32.

Today many proclaim that they are following the Saviour Who did away with the law. It is a way of lawlessness, a way of disobedience to Yahweh's laws. They say they have fellowship with Elohim, Who is light, yet they are walking in the darkness of disobedience. John says such are lying and are not doing the truth.

The true believer must repent, turn away from the deceitful, lawless way of darkness and follow Yahshua Who was righteous, fulfilled the law, obeyed the Father in light and truth, setting an example that we should follow in His steps (1 Pet. 2:21-22).

SANCTIFICATION

Yahshua prayed to the Father, "Sanctify them through Thy truth: Thy word (law, commandment) is truth. As Thou has sent Me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also might be sanctified THROUGH THE TRUTH. Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which SHALL BELIEVE ON ME THROUGH THEIR WORD. That they all may be ONE; as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in thee, that they may be ONE IN US: that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me. And the glory which Thou gavest Me I have given them; that they may be ONE, even as We are ONE: I IN THEM AND THOU IN ME, THAT THEY MAY BE MADE PERFECT IN ONE, and that the world may know that Thou hast sent Me, and hast loved them, as Thou hast loved Me," Jn. 17:17-23.

The way to be ONE with Yahshua and the Father is to believe in Yahshua, which is faith coupled with obedience. We must also eat of Yahshua's flesh and drink of His

blood as He stated in Jn. 6:28-63 that He might be in us and we in Him.

Paul writes that We must put on the Master Yahshua being clothed with Him, Ro. 13:14; 2 Cor. 5:1-5; Gal. 3:27. If we repent of our sins (transgressions of the law) as following His example of doing no sin nor having guile in our mouth, and are baptized in Yahshua's true name, the ONLY NAME under heaven whereby we must be saved (Acts 4:12) then we receive the earnest of the Holy Spirit and are clothed with Yahshua.

We are then in a state of betrothal, engagement, promise. It is a marriage of the Spirit. We find ourselves being one with Yahshua for He is in us and we in Him and as Paul states, we have also put Him on. We also find ourselves one with the heavenly Father, Yahweh, for He is in Yahshua and Yahshua is in Him.

We have received the earnest of the Spirit, we are sealed with the promise of inheritance unto the day of redemption (2 Cor. 5:5; 2 Cor. 1:22; Eph. 1:12-14). We shall enter marriage/rest (menuwchah) with Him.

Menuwchah also means abode. When the seventh angel of the book of Revelation sounds his trumpet, there are voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Master and of His Messiah; and He shall reign for ever and ever," (Rev. 11:15).

We also read, "And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them; and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Yahshua, and for the word of Yahweh, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with the Messiah a thousand years. But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of Yahweh and of Messiah, and shall reign with Him a thousand Years," Rev. 20:4-6.

The kingdoms of this world will soon become the kingdoms of Yahweh and His Messiah. The resurrected saints shall live and reign with the

Messiah for a thousand years. But where will that reign be ruled from? Revelation adds a little more information, "And when He had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints. And they sung a new song, saying, 'Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for Thou was slain, and hast redeemed them to Yahweh by Thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people and nation; and hast made them unto our Elohim kings and priests, and they shall REIGN ON THE EARTH,'" chapter 5:8-10.

THE KINGDOM LAW

But where does the reign on the earth commence from? "Behold, the day of Yahweh cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee. For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the People shall not be cut off from the city. Then shall Yahweh

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go forth and fight against those nations as when He fought in the day of battle. AND HIS FEET SHALL STAND IN THAT DAY UPON THE MOUNT OF OLIVES, WHICH IS BEFORE JERUSALEM ON THE EAST and toward the west, and there shall be a great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south. And ye shall flee the valley of the mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal; yea, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the day of Uzziah king of Judah: AND YAHWEH MY ELOHIM SHALL COME AND ALL THE SAINTS WITH THEE.....And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which came

against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the king, Yahweh of hosts, and keep the feast of tabernacles," Zech. 14:1-5, 16.

Isaiah says, "The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz, saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. and it shall come to pass IN THE LAST DAYS, that the mountain of Yahweh's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall go and say, 'Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of Yahweh, to the house of the Elohim of Jacob; and He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His paths:' FOR OUT OF ZION SHALL GO FORTH THE LAW, AND THE WORD OF YAHWEH FROM JERUSALEM. And He shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more," Isa. 2:1-4. (See also Micah 4:1-3).

As these scriptures foretell, Yahshua, the King of kings and Master of masters, Noble of nobles (Rev. 19:16) and His saints will dwell at Zion in Jerusalem from whence His law of light, love, truth, righteousness, and rest shall go forth. It will spread from there throughout the whole earth. Once they learn of Yahweh's ways and His laws they will no longer be restless, hating, distrustful, learning war. Peace and rest (menuwchah) will fill the whole earth, "Great peace have they which love thy law and nothing shall offend them," Psa. 119:165.

This peace and rest comes through Yahshua, "And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots ("I Yahshua have sent Mine angel to testify unto you these things in the assemblies. I am the Root and Offspring [Branch] of David, and the bright and morning star," Rev. 22:16): and the spirit of Yahweh shall rest upon Him, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of fear of Yahweh; and shall make Him quick of understanding in the fear of Yahweh: and He shall not judge after the sight of His eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of His ears: but with RIGHT-

RIGHTEOUSNESS (commandments) shall He judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and He shall smite the earth with the rod of His mouth and with the breath of His lips shall He slay the wicked. And righteousness (commandments/laws of Yahweh) shall be the girdle of His loins, and faithfulness the girdle of His reins. The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of Yahweh, as the waters cover the sea. And in that day there shall be a Root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and His rest (menuwachah) shall be glorious," Isa. 11:1-10.

We find then that when Yahshua and His saints make Jerusalem and Zion their abode (menuwachah) that Yahweh's law, His word, His commandments will go forth in righteousness bringing peace and rest (menuwachah) to the earth.

Thus we are instructed to pray, "Our Father Which art in heaven, Hallowed by Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven," Mt. 6:9-10. As there is peace, rest, light, joy, rejoicing, etc. in heaven, even so, when Yahweh's kingdom is brought and installed on earth, peace, rest, light, joy, rejoicing, etc., will fill the earth.

The menuwachah, rest, marriage, abode will last 1000 years until Satan is loosed again for a little season. Peter says that one day with Yahweh is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day (2 Pet. 3:8). We find, therefore, that Yahweh has assigned 6 one thousand year days for man to work the works of his own hands but the seventh period of 1000 years is the menuwachah all corresponding with our 7 day week ending in the sabbath rest (shabath). The menuwachah is an expansion, a magnification of the sab-

bath.

Those who attain the first resurrection are blessed and holy for they shall not only live and reign with Messiah for 1000 years but they also enter into rest (menuwachah). They have victory over death.

SABBATH OBEDIENCE

As we observe Yahweh's sabbath (shabbat), the seventh (shebiy'iy/shaba) day rest (sabbaton), it should remind us of the past when Yahweh as Creator recreated, remolded, re-fashioned the earth which had become destroyed (a state of lawless, chaotic restlessness). It also serves as a sign between Yahweh and us that He is our Elohim and we are His people. Finally, it teaches us of future promises, the promised inheritance of rulership, marriage, rest, millenium, habitation.

The sabbath is a type of Yahshua the Messiah for it is through Him that the Father created all things (Jn. 1:1-14; Heb. 1:1-2; Eph. 3:9; Col. 1:13-18; 1 Cor. 8:6). It is through Him that we can have boldness to enter the holiest place (Heb. 4:14-16; 8:6; 9:14; 10:19-25; 12:22-24; Eph. 1:3-23; 1 Cor. 1:1-3; Ro. 1:1-7) turning us to the Father so that we may be His people, His saints and He our Elohim. It is through Yahshua that we receive the promised inheritance of life, peace, rest (1 Tim. 1:1-2; Heb. 9:15; 1 Pet. 1:15; 2 Pet. 1:1-4; 2 Tim. 1:1-2). Yahshua is Yahweh's power to bring us into menuwachah and He is our power to enter therein.

NAMING THE DAYS

Yahweh only named one day of the week, the seventh (shebiy'iy/shaba) day sabbath (shabbath) rest (sabbaton). Man has given names to all days, even renaming the sabbath. What does it mean?

We find the answer in the book of Job. After Job's friends arrived they were so stunned at the grievousness of Job's suffering that they sat on the ground for seven days and nights speaking not a word (Job 2:11-13).

Then Job breaks the silence by cursing the day of his birth (Job 3:1). "And Job spake and said, 'Let the day perish wherein I was born, and the night in which it was said, 'There is a

man child conceived.' Let that day be darkness; let not Eloah regard it from above, neither let the light shine upon it. Let darkness and the shadow of death stain it; let a cloud dwell upon it; let the blackness of the day terrify it. As for that night, let darkness seize upon it; let it not be joined unto the days of the year, let it not come into the number of the months. Lo, let that night be solitary, let no joyful voice come there in. LET THEM CURSE IT THAT CURSE THE DAY, WHO ARE READY TO RAISE UP THEIR MOURNING,'" V.V. 2-8.

In order to understand what this scripture is really saying we must do a little research for the true meaning isn't clear in the English.

Bullinger's Companion Bible also has a New Metrical Version at the bottom of each page. The Metrical version renders verse 8 thusly; "Let those engaged in banning days curse this; Those ready e'en to rouse Leviathan."

The Interlinear Bible which translates the English directly from Hebrew says; "Let curse it the curser of the day, those ready to stir up Leviathan."

The interesting thing about this verse to begin with is the word "curse." We do not get the full sense of this verse in the English because our eyes read "curse" twice and we think of only one word and one sense of it. But the Hebrew uses two different words and, therefore, we get a different idea from each word.

The first Hebrew word for "curse" is "naqab." It means; to puncture, lit. (to perforate, with more or less violence) or fig. (to specify, designate, libel) and it generally translated:- appoint, blaspheme, bore, curse, express, with holes, NAME, pierce, strike through.

The second Hebrew word for curse is "arar." It means; to execrate, and is generally translated; bitterly curse. *Webster's New World Dictionary* says "execrate" means to call down evil upon; curse; to speak abusively or contemptuously or; denounce; to loathe, detest, abhor.

Now let's take some of these meanings and plug them into the Interlinear and Metric renderings. Let's use the words "name" or "blaspheme" for "naqab."

"Let name it the curser of the day,

those ready to stir up Leviathan," (Interlinear). "Let blaspheme it the curser of the day, those ready to stir up Leviathan," (*Interlinear*). "Let those engaged in naming days curse this; those ready e'en to rouse Leviathan," (*Metric*). "Let those engaged in blaspheming days curse this; those ready

e'en to rouse Leviathan," (*Metric*).

Doing this not only gives a totally different view of what is being said, but a clearer view. Yahweh only named one day, the seventh day. Man names every day even changing the name of the 7th day. And what names does he name them with? The names of paganistic deities, names of blasphemy!

The first day of the week is named "Sunday." It is the day of the sun worshippers, the day set aside by man to worship the sun. In Latin it is named "El Domingo" meaning the L-rd's day. Nowhere in all of scripture is the first day of the week named or ever called Sunday or "the L-rd's day!"

The second day of the week is named "Monday" in honor of the Moon which also was worshipped in ancient pagan religion.

Man calls the third day "Tuesday" from the Norse deity "Tiu" who is a deity of war. In Spanish or Latin it is "El Martes." The equivalent Roman deity is "Mars." The fourth day is "Wednesday" coming from the Norse deity "Wodin" whose Roman equivalent was "Mercury." The fifth day is "Thursday" coming from the Norse deity "Thor" whose Roman and Greek equivalents were "Jupiter" and "Zeus." The sixth day is "Friday" coming from the Norse deity "Freia" equivalent to "Venus." The seventh day is "Saturday" coming from "Saturn" the Greek equivalent being "Cronus."

LEVIATHAN

Job says that those who name the days raise up or stir up Leviathan. Who is Leviathan? The answer is found in Isaiah, chapter 17, "In that day Yahweh with His sore and great and strong sword shall punish Leviathan the piercing serpent, even Leviathan that crooked serpent; and He shall slay the dragon that is in the sea," v.v. 1.

A look into the Hebrew words for

Leviathan, piercing, crooked, serpent and dragon is quite revealing.

The Hebrew word for Leviathan is "livyathan." It means; a wreathen animal, i.e. a serpent (espec. the crocodile or some other large sea-monster); fig. the constellation of the dragon; also as a symbol of Babylon. As we have found it is generally translated into the English as Leviathan or mourning.

Livyathan is a two word combination. It comes from the Hebrew words "lavah" and "than" or "tan." Lavah means; to twine, i.e. (by impl.) to unite, to remain; also to borrow (as a form of obligation) or (caus.) to lend, and is generally translated as; abide with, borrow (-er), cleave, join (self), lend (-er). It is the same root word from whence comes "Levi" or "Levite" the son of Jacob and his descendants.

Than or tan means; to elongate; a monster (as preter-naturally formed), i.e. a sea-serpent (or other huge marine animal); also a jackal (or other hideous land animal) and is generally translated:- dragon, whale.

"Piercing" is from the Hebrew word "bariyach." It means; a fugitive, i.e. the serpent (as fleeing), and the constellation by that name. It is generally

Job says that those who name the days raise up or stir up Leviathan.

translated:-crooked, noble, piercing. "Bariyach" comes from the primitive root word "barach" which means; to bolt, i.e. fig. to flee suddenly, and is generally translated:- chase (away); drive away, fain, flee (away), put to flight, make haste, reach, run away, shoot.

"Crooked" is the Hebrew word "awallathown." It means; tortuous, crooked. It comes from the primitive root word "aqal" which means; to wrest, wrong.

"Serpent" is the Hebrew word "nachash" which means; a serpent (from its hiss). It comes from the primitive root word which is also "nachash" meaning; to hiss, i.e. whisper a (magic) spell; gen. to prognosticate, and is generally translated:-divine, enchanter, (use) x enchant-

ment, learn by experience, diligently observe.

Before we look at the word "dragon" let's do some review. The verse preceding Isa. 27:1 said, "For behold, Yahweh cometh out of His place to punish the inhabitants of the earth FOR THEIR INIQUITY: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain," Isa. 26:21.

In the day that Yahweh comes to punish people for their sins He will also punish the piercing, crooked serpent, Leviathan.

Where did man's iniquity begin? Wasn't it in Eden? Who was instrumental in beginning man's iniquity? Wasn't it the serpent (nachash) that lied, deceiving Eve into breaking Yahweh's command concerning the forbidden fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil? (Gen. 3:1-5).

Isa. 27:1 is an expansion, a magnification of the serpent (nachash) who was in the garden of Eden. He was a preternaturally (supernaturally) formed being (than), a tortuous being who wrongly wrests (aqallathown) Yahweh's word in order to unite (lavah) the earth's inhabitants to sinful, lawless idol worship.

The book of Revelation, chapter 12 expands on Job 3:8 and Isa. 26:21; 27:1, "And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold, a GREAT RED DRAGON, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. And his tail drew a third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the DRAGON stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born....and there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the DRAGON; and the DRAGON fought and his angels, and prevailed not, neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the GREAT DRAGON was cast out, that old SERPENT, called the DEVIL and SATAN, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him," v.v. 3-4, 7-9.

Satan, the serpent, the devil, the great dragon (leviathan) which was supernaturally formed, began deceiving man in the garden of Eden and continues to deceive man today. He

wrests Yahweh's word into false paganistic, heathenistic, idolatrous worship, and man, being deceived, worships him and his angels which raises, exalts him into heavenly places. As Job reveals, man names the days, all after paganistic deities, and raises leviathan which, of course, brings on mourning for the earth's inhabitants will be punished for their iniquities.

Yahweh will punish Satan, leviathan. First, he and his angels will be cast out of heaven and, when Yahweh comes, he will be cast into the bottomless pit or abyss (Rev. 20:1-3). He who was glorified, praised and worshipped, having been exalted into heavenly places will not only be cast down into earth but into a bottomless pit, an abyss, in other words, obscurity, ignominy.

SATAN'S TACTICS

What does the piercing or fleeing serpent mean? Herein is a tactic of Satan who stirs up rebellion, insurrection, sedition, leading his many followers into such until faced with the true authority, wrath, and punishment from which he suddenly flees. James says, "Resist the devil, and he will flee from you," chapter 4:7. How do we resist? By submitting ourselves to Yahweh (same verse).

Such is the tactic of insurrection today when agents, messengers (angels), men are sent into a country to stir up rebellion, insurrection, sedition, etc. against an incumbent government. The people are stirred up in anger through true, false and twisted reports until confrontation with government forces. When the confrontation begins and lives are taken where are the agents who stirred it all up? They have fled to safety so that when things settle down they can return to stir things up again. Such tactics have been quite successful in the overthrow of governments and moral values or principles. These are Satan's tactics.

The word "Satan" is itself a Hebrew word meaning; to attack, (fig.) accuse, adversary, resist, withstand. It is supposed to be a primitive root word according to *Strong's Concordance*, but I believe that "Satan" is a combination of two words "set" pronounced "sayte" and "tan."

"Set" means; departure from right, i.e. sin, and is generally translated:-revolter, that turn aside. It comes from the primitive root word "suwt" which means; to detrude, i.e. (intrans. and fig.) become derelict (wrongfully practice; namely idolatry) and is generally translated:- turn aside to.

Yahweh says of the king of Tyrus, "Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. Thou hast been in Eden the garden of Elohim (NOTE: only four beings are recorded as having been in Eden, Adam and Eve who are both dead by the time this scripture is written, Yahweh, but He is the One inspiring the scripture and the serpent. The serpent is Satan who is this king of Tyrus): every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou was created (preternaturally or supernaturally formed). Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of Elohim; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. Thou wast perfect in thy ways

Yahshua said, "Now is the judgment of this world: now shall THE PRINCE OF THIS WORLD be cast out," Jn. 12:31.

from the day that thou was created, till iniquity was found in thee. By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of Elohim: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee. Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities,

by the iniquity of thy traffick; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee. All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee: thou shalt be a terror, and never shalt thou be any more," Ez. 28:12-19.

Here is one who was supernaturally formed, created by Yahweh. He was perfect and beautiful in every way. He was a ruler in Yahweh's mountain, His government, His kingdom, but he became derelict in his duty. He turned aside or away from Yahweh's righteousness, His holiness. He looked away from Yahweh to his own beauty. He began to trust in himself, exalt his own beauty and wisdom. Being in Yahweh's government meant that he would have subjects under his control. He began to cause them to worship himself instead of Yahweh. He was subtle, deceitful. He twisted, wrested Yahweh's ways into sin, lawlessness, violence, misery, destruction, death.

THE COVERING CHERUB

Let's get one thing straight now that we are on the subject. Many have falsely proclaimed that Satan was one of the Cherubim that covered Yahweh's throne. Such is what Satan would like for people to think and has deceived people into thinking so but this simply is not true.

Yahshua said, "Now is the judgment of this world: now shall THE PRINCE OF THIS WORLD be cast out," Jn. 12:31.

The Greek word for "prince" is "archon." It means; first (in rank or power), chief (ruler), magistrate, prince, ruler. It comes from the Greek word "archo" which means; to be first (in political rank or power), reign (rule) over. Let us keep in mind that the Hebrew word for prince which is equivalent to "archon" is "sar."

Yahshua said in another place, "Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for THE PRINCE (ARCHON) OF THIS WORLD cometh, and hath nothing in Me," Jn. 14:30.

He also said, "Nevertheless I tell you the truth; it is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the

Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send Him unto you. And when He is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: of sin, because they believe not on Me; of righteousness, because I go to My Father, and ye see Me no more; of judgment, because THE PRINCE (ARCHON) OF THIS WORLD is judged," Jn. 16:7-11.

Paul adds, "And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to THE PRINCE (ARCHON) OF THE POWER OF THE AIR, the spirit that now worketh in THE CHILDREN OF DISOBEDIENCE: among whom also WE ALL HAVE OUR CONDUCT in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others," Eph. 2:1-3.

Satan is the prince, chief, first in political rank or power, magistrate, ruler of this world. The ruler of those who disobey Yahweh's laws by fulfilling the lusts, the desires of the flesh.

His position in the holy mountain of Yahweh, His kingdom and government, was to be the covering cherub over the earth. He was to govern the earth according to Yahweh's commanded way but because of pride in his own beauty and wisdom he became derelict in his duties. He rebelled against Yahweh. Through subtlety and deceit he caused his subjects to follow and worship him. He continues to lead man in rebellion against Yahweh today. He has deceived man into worshipping him while man thinks he is worshipping the true Elohim.

Since Yahweh placed Satan on his throne over the earth, Yahweh is the One Who must remove him, but Satan's sin and desolation required a sacrifice, a precious one. Yahweh had to send Yahshua, His Son to overcome Satan and to sacrifice His own life. Yahshua did overcome and offered His life as the perfect sacrifice, as a Lamb without blemish.

OVERCOMING SATAN

Yahshua said, "...if I cast out devils by the spirit of Yahweh, then the

kingdom of Yahweh is come unto you. Or else how can one enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man? And then he will spoil his house," Mt. 12:28-29.

Yahshua has overcome Satan, the strong man of this world and can now cast him out of his heavenly places (places of worship) into the earth and will soon bind him, casting him into the abyss.

The way to overcome Satan, his lies and deceit is through the truth. Yahshua is the Word (Jn. 1:1-3; 14) and the Word is truth (Jn. 17:17). The Comforter, the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth is given by Yahshua the Messiah (Jn. 15:26-27) which leads us into all truth (Jn. 16:13-15).

That Spirit of truth was sent on the day of Pentecost as recorded in Acts, chapter 2. The word of truth was going forth in great power and strength. But Satan and his followers began to make war against the true believers through persecution, tribulation and death.

A LITTLE HORN

Daniel records that a little horn would arise which would wax exceed-

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ing great, toward the south and toward the east and toward the pleasant land. And it WAXED GREAT EVEN TO THE HOST OF HEAVEN; and it cast down some of the host and of the stars to the ground (Heb. = "erets" translated in Gen. 1:1 as "earth."), and stamped upon them. Yea HE MAGNIFIED HIMSELF EVEN TO THE PRINCE OF HOST, and by him the daily sacrifice was taken away, and the place of his sanctuary was cast down. And an host was given him against the daily sacrifice by reason of transgression, and IT CAST DOWN THE TRUTH TO THE EARTH; and it practised, and prospered," Dan. 8:9-12.

This little horn waxes great even to the host of heaven. In other words, it and its followers, its adherents appear

as the true believers, modern Christians. Paul writes, "But Yahweh, Who is rich in mercy, for His great love wherewith He loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with the Messiah (by grace ye are saved;) AND HATH RAISED US UP TOGETHER IN HEAVENLY PLACES IN MESSIAH," Eph. 2:4-6. The little horn and its hosts are a counterfeit of the heavenly host.

The history of this "little horn" begins in Daniel, chapter seven. It comes out of the fourth beast or kingdom that rules over the earth. That kingdom is Rome whose head is Caesar. Caesar is Kaisar in Latin which is a combination of two words "kai" and "sar." Kai is usually a conjunction such as and, but, for, etc. but is also translated as "that." Sar comes from the Hebrew and means "prince." Caesar or Kaisar, therefore, means "that prince."

Caesar magnified himself as Pontifex Maximus. Pontifex means, "priest." Maximus means, the greatest, the highest or the largest.

CONSTANTINE'S COMMAND

The *Encyclopedia Britannica*, Fourteenth Edition says this about Constantine called the "GREAT," "He not only identified himself more openly than ever with Christianity, but showed a determination to assert his supremacy in ecclesiastical affairs, holding no doubt that, as the office of PONTIFEX MAXIMUS gave him the SUPREME CONTROL OF RELIGIOUS MATTERS throughout the empire, THE REGULATION OF CHRISTIANITY FELL WITHIN HIS PROVINCE," (Vol. 6, p.p. 299).

It also says "Thus Constantine BECAME UNDIS-PUTED MASTER OF Rome and the West, and CHRISTIANITY," (Vol. 6, p.p. 298).

Volume 19, p.p. 437 adds, "In making the State Christian, Constantine made the church a State institution, and therefore UNDER IMPERIAL CONTROL. CAESAROPAPISM WAS THE LOGICAL CONSEQUENCE. The sacerdotium was united with the imperium in the person of the monarch AS IN THE PAGAN STATE.

Constantine was the one who issued

the edict, the command to worship on the first day of the week, Sunday, the day of the sun deity rather than the seventh day Sabbath.

According to the Britannica, Constantine replaced Rome as the center of the empire by making Byzantium, (Constantinople), New Rome the new capital. It is described thusly, "Byzantium was refounded on the model of Rome, had its own senate, and presently a praefectus urbi. But its character was different in two ways: IT WAS CHR-STIAN AND IT WAS GREEK. From its foundation New Rome had a Christian stamp; it had no history as the capital of a pagan empire," (Vol. 19, p.p. 432).

"Constantine believed that the time had come for society to be remolded by the fiat of despotic authority, and it is significant that from henceforth we meet with the undisguised assertion that the will of the emperor is THE SOUL FOUNTAIN OF LAW, Constantine, in fact, embodies THE SPIRIT OF ABSOLUTE AUTHORITY WHICH, BOTH IN CHURCH AND STATE WAS TO PREVAIL for many centuries," (Vol. 6, p.p. 299).

Essentially what Constantine did (who was emperor of Rome, the fourth BEAST of Dan. 7) was convert the faith of the new religion, which had swept throughout the empire, into paganism. He had exalted himself as Pontifex Maximus, the great high priest, the true office of Yahshua the Messiah (Heb. chapters 1-4), magnifying himself to (as) the Prince of the host (Dan. 8:11), taking away the daily sacrifice which was to be offered up (prayer) in Yahshua's name (Jn. 14:13), casting down the place of His (Yahshua's) sanctuary.

The true name of the Saviour was paganized into "Iesous," "Yesus," "Hesus," "Jesus" which was the paganistic Druidic name for Baal.

Constantine and the following or successive emperors of the Roman empire cast the truth about Yahshua to the ground or earth and stamped on it. They changed Him from an obedient, faithful Son into a disobedient, unfaithful Son Who did away with His Father's commandments, a rebel. Instead of teaching obedience to Yahweh's commandments which is love to Elohim and love to man (Mt. 22:35-40; Mk. 12:28-34) they taught indul-

gencies.

Yahweh's law on the seventh day sabbath was changed to the first day of the week and named Sunday, the venerable day of the unconquered sun. Man began to raise up leviathan to heavenly places of worship and cast the truth to the ground.

The Arian controversy stirred much debate and division among these counterfeit believers for they knew not the nature of the Son of Elohim. Then came the iconoclast controversy. Men under paganistic influence wanted idols and images to represent Elohim, the Son and the saints. Once again in total disregard to the second commandment. Man's own reasoning and traditions overruled Yahweh's law.

Instead of observing Yahweh's commanded annual feast days, as enumerated and revealed in Lev. 23, man instituted his own annual paganistic, heathenistic feast days. Christmas is the birth of the sun deity, not the true Son of Elohim. Man changed the beginning of the year to Jan. 1st instead of Abib as commanded by Yahweh. Man turned to Valentine's day, a pagan sex festival, Lent and Easter signifying the mourning (leviathan?) for Tammuz, the pagan saviour and sun

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deity who died, descended into hades and was raised back to life by his mother Easter or Ishtar observed by sun rise services.

Man has not repented from his ancient paganistic, heathenistic, riotous worship of a lawless one. Rather the names have been changed, the scriptures have been twisted, wrested (aquillathown) to make these things appear as if they are truth through subtlety, deceit, lies of the serpent (nachash) Satan (tan, the sea serpent or hideous land animal, the monster

or dragon who departed from right, practices idolatry, is derelict in his duty [cet]).

This twisted, wrested, malignant, idolatrous religion called Christianity has practised and prospered as the true religion as Dan. 8:12 said it would. It has cast the real truth to the earth and, as Job said, naming the days, giving them pagan names, raised leviathan and mourning.

THE DRAGON OF ISA. 27:1

Isaiah says that Yahweh will slay the DRAGON that is in the sea. What does this mean? The Hebrew word used here for dragon is "tanniyn." It is also translated as a marine or land monster, sea-serpent or jackal just as the word "tan" or "than" is. But tanniyn is a combination of two words, "tan" and "niyn."

Niyn means, progeny or son. Tanniyn means progeny or son of the dragon or sea serpent.

When Yahweh cursed the serpent He said, "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her Seed; It shall bruise thy head and thou shalt bruise his heel," Gen. 3:15.

This is a prophecy for several ages. We know that the Seed of the woman is the Messiah. The Hebrew word for "seed" is "zera" and also means posterity or child. Yahweh says that Satan has a seed, a child which the word "tanniyn" verifies. Who is this child?

The Encyclopedia Britannica, 14th Edition has this to say about Augustus Caesar in an article entitled *Serpent Cults*, "In the sanctuary of Aesculapius at Epiduarus women were visited in their dreams by a serpent - the reputed father of the child that was born and elsewhere Sicyon who had a progenitor was regarded as the son of the divine healer. Similar also was the origin of Augustus in a temple of Apollo, the g-d who had his tame serpents in the grove on Epirus," (Vol. 20, p.p. 370).

Augustus, the emperor of the fourth kingdom of Dan. 2 and 7, the terrible, dreadful beast, was supposedly the son, child, seed of the serpent. The article furthermore says that Alexander the Great, king of Greece had a similar birth.

Constantine, a successor of Augustus

tus, ruler of the beast, not only received rulership over Rome, Augustus' dominion, but Greece, Alexander's dominion. Both had proclaimed themselves as children, descendants, seeds of the serpent.

Constantine has raised up Christianity, a paganized, heathenized, false worship of a saviour who is a lawless rebel.

PAGAN NAMES SUBSTITUTED

The Father's name became hidden and the name of the Messiah was changed. The name "Jesus" is an Anglicized version of the Latin "Yesus" which, in turn, is taken from the Greek "Iesous" which is the Grecianized version of the Druidic saviour "Yesu" pronounced "Hesus."

Raymond Capt, in his book titled "Stonehenge and Druidism" writes, "It is of interest to note that the Druids revered a form of the cross. It was their custom to search diligently for a large, handsome oak tree, having two large armlike branches. When viewed in conjunction with the trunk of the tree they formed a cross. This "cross" was then consecrated by cutting characters for the word "HESUS," spelled "YESU," upon the right branch. Upon the middle trunk they cut the word "Taranus," upon the left branch, "Belenus," and over them all the word "THAN" meaning G-d." (p.p. 78).

Mr. Capt further reveals in the same book p. 6, "In 1889 Professor A. T. Evans wrote (Archeological Review) that Stonehenge was an advanced representation of sepulchral architecture, 'where the cult or worship of departed ancestors may have become associated with the worship of THE CELTIC ZEUS; THE FORM UNDER WHICH THE DIVINITY WAS WORSHIPPED WOULD HAVE BEEN THAT OF HIS SACRED OAK.'"

Is it just a coincidence that the Celtic word for G-d was "than" the same word in the Hebrew which means sea serpent, monster, a hideous land animal or dragon? Is it just a coincidence that the "sacred oak," the "Celtic Zeus," "Yesu" (pronounced Hesus), the Spanish rendering for Jesus) and "than" are the same thing? I think not.

Mr. Capt also reveals in his book titled "traditions of Glastonbury," p. 9, "The emblem of Druidism was three

golden rays of light, representing the three aspects or persons, of the trinity, emanating from the G-d-head. They were known as "Beli," the Creator as regards the past; "Taran," the controlling providence of the present and "YESU,' THE COMING SAVIOUR OF THE FUTURE. DRUIDISM THUS ANTICIPATED CHRISTIANITY AND POINTED TO THE COMING SAVIOUR UNDER THE VERY NAME BY WHICH CHRIST WAS CALLED."

Yesu (Latin Jesus), Hesus, Iesous, Jesus is the saviour of the paganistic, heathenistic world. He was already known by the Druids of England, Ireland, Scotland and Western Europe. He was known and anticipated before the true Messiah, Yahshua, ever appeared. What did Yahshua say about this situation? "Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep. ALL THAT EVER CAME BEFORE ME ARE THIEVES AND ROBBERS: but the sheep did not hear them," Jn. 10:7-8.

THE MYSTERY OF INIQUITY

Modern day Christianity is the mystery of iniquity that Paul wrote about, "For the mystery of iniquity doth already work;" 2 Thes. 2:7. Iniquity means lawlessness. Christianity teaches that the law of Yahweh is done away, that we are without the law of righteousness, LAWLESS!

Those who proclaimed themselves to be the serpent's seed, progeny or children have raised up this brand of religious worship as prophesied in Genesis and Daniel.

When Yahweh said to the serpent that the woman's Seed would bruise his head He was speaking of the Messiah and how He would overcome Satan. But then Yahweh said that the serpent would bruise the Messiah's heel meaning the latter parts or times or days.

Daniel reveals that the beast of chapter seven makes war with the saints and prevails against them (Dan. 7:21). The little horn of Dan. 7 speaks great words against the Most High, and shall wear out the saints of the Most High, and think to change times and laws which are given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time (verse 25).

The little horn of Daniel 8 which would be a continuation of the little horn of Dan. 7 also would cast down the host of heaven, setting up the transgression of desolation treading Yahweh's host and sanctuary under foot (Dan. 8:10, 13).

The mystery of iniquity (lawlessness) will practice and prosper until the latter days of their kingdom when a king of fierce countenance shall stand up. This king understands dark sentences meaning that he is skilled in dissimulation or hides under false appearances, or puts on a false appearance by concealing facts, intentions or feelings under some false pretense.

His power shall be mighty but not by his own power (Dan. 8:24). The book of Revelation says that the dragon (the Hebrew would be "tan" or "than"), Satan gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority (13:2).

"And he shall destroy wonderfully," Dan. 8:24. The Hebrew word for "destroy" is "shachath" which means, to decay, i.e. (caus.) ruin (lit. or fig.), corrupt, mar, spoil, destroy, etc. In other words he "corrupts to destruction."

"Wonderfully" is the Hebrew word "papa." It means, to separate, distinguish, to make or be great, difficult, hidden, things too high, marvelous, marvelous things, miracles, make wonderful things, etc. The book of Revelation once again clarifies, "And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, AND DECEIVETH THEM THAT DWELL ON EARTH by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live," Rev. 13:13-14.

SATAN'S POWER

This beast comes in Satan's power or as Paul describes in 2 Thes. 2:9, "Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders."

The word "signs" is the Greek "semaino" coming from "sema" which means; a mark, sign or token. It is equivalent to the Hebrew word "owth"

as used in Gen. 1:14 when Elohim said, "Let there be light in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for SIGNS (owth), and for seasons, and for days, and years."

"Lying" in describing wonders is the Greek word "pseudo." It means, a falsehood, lie, lying. Our English word "pseudo" comes from it which means; false, sham, spurious, pretended, counterfeit.

How does the beast of Rev. 13 make fire come down out of heaven? In her book titled *"The Wine of Roman Babylon,"* Mary Walsh writes, "The bread and wine, the consecrated stone, a priest, is all that is needed now, for at any moment it is in his power to CALL THE L-RD OF GLORY WITH HOLY WORDS DOWN UPON THE EARTH, to bless Him with his lips, to hold Him in his hand, to receive Him into his mouth and to distribute Him to the faithful, whilst at the same time the angels stand about him in reverent awe to honour Him Who is sacrificed. 'The power of the priest,' exclaims St. Bernardine of Sienna, 'surpasses the power of the blessed virgin; Mary brought the Son of G-d only once into the world, THE PRIEST CAN DO SO DAILY.' The moment of consecration comes, the priest's head is bowed as the awful words fall from his lips: 'This is My body.' With the swiftness of light, THE L-RD OF HOSTS HAS 'LEAPED DOWN FROM HIS THRONE ON HIGH,' the substance of the bread has gone, and in his hands, which he has striven to render 'holy and undefiled,' the Melchisedek of the new law holds his Creator, Redeemer and Judge. A moment more and by the second words of consecration, 'This is My blood,' the Lamb of G-d lies 'mystically slain,' for the sacrifice of Calvary and the altar are the same.

'MARVELOUS dignity of priests!' exclaims St. Augustine; 'IN THEIR HANDS, AS IN THE WOMB OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (NOTE: isn't it interesting that the hands of the priest are compared to the genitals of a woman?), the Son of G-d becomes incarnate'....Behold the power of the priest! THE TONGUE OF THE PRIEST MAKES G-D FROM A MORSEL OF BREAD! It is more than creating the world. Some-

one said, 'Does St. Philomena, then, obey the cure of Ars?' Certainly she may well obey him, SINCE G-D OBEYS HIM. The blessed virgin CANNOT MAKE HER DIVINE SON DESCEND INTO THE HOST. A PRIEST CAN, HOWEVER SIMPLE HE MAY BE." (chapter VI, p. 62, "The Mass".)

What does this have to do with making fire come down from heaven you might ask? Doesn't the book of Hebrews, chapter twelve, verse twenty nine instruct us, "For our Elohim is a CONSUMING FIRE?"

Does not this one brief excerpt reveal that instead of obeying Yahweh's will as the Messiah did, that the priesthood of apostasy seeks to force its will on Yahweh? Does it not also reveal the lying (pseudo, false, counterfeit, sham) wonders as described by Paul?

The mystery of iniquity has been working since the apostle's day. It has deceived all the world, that is, all who have been influenced by the Holy Bible. But do not think for one moment that we have it all figured out.

Daniel warns that the king for whom the abomination that makes desolate is set up (Dan. 11:31) will "...do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every El, and shall speak marvelous things (hidden, secret. He will reveal many marvelous mysteries) against (also can be "as") the El of Elohim, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished (the wrath described in Revelation): for that that is determined shall be done. NEITHER SHALL HE REGARD THE ELOHIM OF HIS FATHERS, nor the desire of women (the desire of women is for a child, a strong saviour child as represented by the Madonna and child), nor regard any Eloah: for he shall magnify himself above all. But in his estate shall he honour the Elohim of forces: and a Elohim whom his fathers knew not shall he honour with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and pleasant things. Thus shall he do in the most strongholds with a strange elohim whom he shall acknowledge and increase with glory: and he shall cause them to rule over many, and shall divide the land (earth) for gain," Dan. 11:36-39.

THE DECEPTION

Revelation 12:9 reveals that Satan has deceived the whole world. Yahshua warned His followers, "Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, 'I am Messiah;' and shall deceive many....For there shall arise false Messiahs and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; inasmuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect," Mt. 24:4-5, 24. The book of Mark also warns, "For false Messiahs and false prophets shall rise, and shall shew signs and wonders, to seduce, if it were possible, even the elect," Mk. 13:22.

The words "deceive" and "seduce" are "planao" and "apoplanao" respectively. They mean, to roam or stray from safety or truth or virtue or piety by fraudulence, delusion, error, deceit.

One of the keys to understanding what has and will happen is found in the book of Daniel, chapter 5. Belshazzar, king of Babylon, made a great feast to a thousand of his nobles, and drank wine before the thousand. Belshazzar, while he tasted the wine commanded to bring the golden and silver vessels which his father Nebuchadnezzar had taken out of the temple which was in Jerusalem; that the king, and his princes, his wives and concubines, might drink therein. taken out of the temple of the house of Elohim which was at Jerusalem; and the king, and his princes, his wives, and his concubines drank in them. They drank wine, and praised the deities of gold, and of silver, of brass, of iron, of wood, and of stone (v.v. 1-4).

The vessels of Yahweh's temple were dedicated to His service. They were types of certain things that Yahshua would perform in His ministry, as well as, the true attitude of worship.

Belshazzar took these vessels dedicated to Yahweh and praised the deities of the pagans with them. Yahweh has commanded Israel to not worship Him in the same manner as the heathen worshipped their deities (Dt. 12:29-32; 18:9-14). By the same token, for one to take the things of Yahweh and attribute them to paganistic deities is also an abomination, an abomination which leads to destruction, desolation as happened to Bel-

shazzar (Dan. 5:30).

Such is also what will happen in the last days. The beast, who is also the false (pseudo) Messiah will appropriate some or many of the holy things of Yahweh to his own worship and the worship of his father, Satan. The false (pseudo) prophet will be a powerful assistant. Their worship will be a marvelous blend of truth and lies, of the things of Yahweh and the things of paganism. So marvelous, in fact, that if one doesn't know the truth and keep his eyes focused only on it that he will be deceived.

When the apostle John saw the harlot riding the beast in Rev. 17 he wondered at her with great admiration (v. 6). He was asked by the angel "Wherefore did ye marvel?" (v. 7).

If one of the original apostles of Yahshua wondered with great admiration, one who had the Holy Spirit of truth, One who had lived and walked with Yahshua and witnessed his entire ministry and works being personally taught by Him, then what about those of us who are alive when the beast (false, pseudo messiah) and false (pseudo) prophet come on the scene. They will work mighty works after the power of Satan.

This beast, this false messiah is the dragon, the "tanniyn," the child of the serpent, of Isa. 27:1 and the seed of the serpent of Gen. 3:15.

TEMPTATION

Therefore our prayer to the heavenly Father, Yahweh must be, "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil." (Mt. 6:13). The promise to the Philadelphian Assembly is, "Because thou hast kept the word of My patience, I also will keep thee from the HOUR OF TEMPTATION, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth," Rev. 3:10.

The beast of Rev. 17 is described thusly, "The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition (destruction): and they that dwell on the earth SHALL WONDER, whose names are not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not and yet is....and the ten horns which thou sawest are

ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings ONE HOUR (the hour of temptation) with the beast," Rev. 17:8, 12.

The beast and his worldly empire and powers will be wondrous to be sure. But there will be no real rest, "And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, 'If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of Elohim, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: AND THEY HAVE NO REST day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name,'" Rev. 14:9-11.

Many, today, are Biblically illiterate and ignorant. They are already deceived into complacency. Many others who study the scriptures and hold them as important have been deceived into a worship of iniquity, lawlessness. The teaching is that the law is done away. Sunday, the day of the pagan fire deity is the day of worship. They are taught to worship on the day of fire into which they will be cast if they do not repent.

Many, even more studious, have turned to many of Yahweh's teachings but still cling to paganistic titles and names. They may observe the sabbath and holy days, teach the law, etc. but repentance is not yet complete. Modern day Christianity has followed the pagans by naming the days after pagan deities. Leviathan has been raised into heavenly places through man's worship.

When the sign of the Son of man appears in heaven, then all the tribes of the earth shall mourn (leviathan also means mourning) and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory (Mt. 24:30. Read also Rev. 6:12-17; Isa. 26:21).

If we are to escape the punishment of disobedience then we must judge ourselves today whether we be in the faith or not (2 Cor. 13:5). Yahweh's word, both Old and New Testaments, must become your guide as to what is

right and wrong, good and evil. It must become your simple guide into the truth. Through its direction we can learn to obey instead of disobey. It will teach us to submit ourselves to Yahweh through His Son Yahshua for righteousness' sake. We will repent of our misdeeds, disobedience and deceptions and be delivered from restlessness, sin and destruction into rest (shabath/-menuwchah), righteousness, life, truth, light.

We will still work our own works for six days but our rest (shabath) will be Yahweh's commanded rest, the seventh (shebiy'iy/shaba) day sabbath (shabbath). We will no longer engage in naming days to raise Leviathan but raise holy hands in praise to our heavenly Father Yahweh through and by the ONLY NAME under heaven whereby we must be saved, Yahshua Messiah, our rest, our peace, our righteousness, our light, our truth.

SUMMARY

Yahweh never named the first six days of the week. The only day named was the sabbath. A study into the Hebrew words seven, seventh, rest and sabbath reveal that there is no possibility for any other day of the week to be appointed for the sabbath rest than the seventh day.

The sabbath is a type of the millennial rest, the one thousand years of peace which will be governed by Yahshua and his true followers. The millennial rest is also referred to as the menuwchah. Menuwchah is an expansion, a magnification of the sabbath rest. The sabbath is also a type of Yahshua, Who is our peace, our rest.

Those who name the days stir or raise leviathan. They turn away from the truth to the deceptive, paganistic, heathenistic worship inspired by Satan the devil. If not repented of they will be deceived into receiving the name, mark and number of the name of the beast and will suffer the indignation, the wrath of Yahweh.

Should a New Testament believer observe the Sabbath Day? Absolutely!

By Jerry Healan

HOW SUNDAY REPLACED THE SABBATH

Millions of Christians have followed the tradition of Sunday worship, not even beginning to consider why Sunday became the chosen day over the Sabbath. The history of how Sunday became the accepted day of worship is intriguing to say the least. Though few understand the transition from the Sabbath to Sunday, it is vital to salvation to hold the truth. All who support Sunday worship will be shocked at the findings of this article.

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Many today falsely believe that the Saviour was a rebel who came to do away with His Father's commandments, freeing modern man from the rigors and duties of the law. Some claim, "I can relate to the New Testament and the Saviour, but that Old Testament and its God I just couldn't take.

Was Yahshua an insurgent? Listen to His own words, "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill (keep, do, perform). For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled," Mat. 5:17-18.

"If you keep My commandments, you shall abide in My love; even as I have kept My Father's commandments, and abide in His love," Jn. 15:10.

Yahshua the Messiah's own words were that He came to keep the law and that He had kept it. Even His enemies could find no sin in Him, "Now the chief priests, and elders, and all the council, sought **false witness** against Yahshua, to put Him to death; but found none: yea, though many **false witnesses** came, yet found they none," Mat. 26:59-60.

The gist of the matter here is that they were seeking "false witnesses." Why? Because no TRUE witness would have condemned Him.

Neither Herod nor Pilate could find any fault in him, "And Pilate, when he had called together the chief priests and the rulers and the People, said unto them, 'You have brought this Man unto me, as One That perverts the people: and, behold, I, having examined Him before you, have

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found no fault in this Man touching those things whereof you accuse Him: No, nor yet Herod: for I sent you to him; and, lo, nothing worthy of death is done to Him," Lk. 23:13-15. See also Jn. 18:38; 19:4.

Since the wages (earnings) of sin is death (Ro. 6:23, first part) and sin is the transgression of the law 1 Jn. 3:4), the testimony of the priests, rulers, people, Pilate, and Herod was that

Yahshua had kept, "fulfilled" the law perfectly and therefore earned no penalty of death, but was counted worthy to live on, to be set free.

The testimony of all the apostles and disciples who knew, followed, and lived with Him was that He was sinless, without sin.

"Forasmuch as you know that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from you vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; but with the precious blood of the Messiah, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you..." 1 Pet. 1:18-20.

The testimony of the Heavenly Father is that no man is worthy in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth to open the book in His hand, sealed with seven seals, except the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, the Lamb as it had been slain, Rev. 5:1-6.

Another testimony of the Father to the sinlessness of Yahshua was that He did not leave Him in the grave to corrupt and rot away, but quickened Him, resurrected him to newness of life. He freed Him from the

undeserved death penalty that others brought upon Him because of their own sins.

Any, therefore, who proclaim Him as a rebel or that He did away with the law are liars who seek to blind with deceit and lead others away to the one who really is a rebel and lawless one, Satan.

THE SABBATH COMMANDMENT

The witness, the testimony concerning Yahshua, therefore, by all others saying He was without fault, blameless, blemish free, and sinless means that He ALWAYS observed the Sabbath day perfectly, doesn't it?

The Sabbath, that is, the seventh day rest, is commanded in Yahweh's law (Ex. 20:8-11). Yahshua fulfilled, kept, observed, obeyed it. The Jews of His day tried to accuse Him of breaking it. But had He done so, He would have been guilty of having committed a sin to death for Moses wrote, "Six days may work be done; but in the seventh is the sabbath of rest, holy to Yahweh: whosoever doeth any work in the sabbath day, **he shall surely be put to death,**" Ex. 31:15. See also Ex. 35:2.

The Jews had simply written many do's and don'ts into the law in effect destroying the original purpose and intent of it (Mt. 15:1-9; Mk. 7:1-13).

By His own actions Yahshua proved that the seventh-day Sabbath command was still in effect, for He obeyed it, setting an example for us that we should follow His steps: "**Who did no sin,** neither was guild found in His mouth," 1 Pet. 2:21-22.

FIRST DAY ADVOCATES

Even the Sunday advocates, after substituting Sunday for the

Sabbath, maintain that the Sabbath law is not done away for they then instituted strict laws to govern the observance of Sunday as the Jews had for the Sabbath.

The *International Standard Bible Encyclopedia (ISBE)* has this to say about Sunday observance in its article, "*Lord's Day*" (Vol. 3, pp. 158-160):

"Christians worshiping on the first day not of the month but of the week indicates that the church, as the 'new Israel,' accepted the sabbatical rhythm of time revealed to Israel through Moses. [NOTE: They didn't accept the sabbatical rhythm revealed through Moses but another rhythm that will be discussed later.]

"It is clear, however, that while the Christians universally observed the sabbatical rhythm of time, they did not specifically or primarily observe the sabbath

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(seventh) day. Thus the apostolic church spoke both a 'yes' and a 'no' to the fourth commandment....Christians, therefore, are free from the sabbath in that they can gather on the first day, and at the same time stand under the sign of the sabbath in that they gather every seventh day.

"The unique relationship of the Jewish sabbath to the Christian Lord's Day bears on the ethical question of how Christians

should observe this Lord's Day. The English Puritan tradition requires that one refrain from all labor and recreation (except 'works of mercy and necessity') and spend the whole day in private and public devotion. Proponents have appealed to the OT proscription of all labor on the sabbath and traditionally have preferred the term 'Sabbath Day' to designate the Christian day of worship....

"Americans have traditionally observed the English Puritan sabbath. The colonists enforced observance of the day by civil legislation, now popularly called 'blue laws' [because of the blue paper they were written on].

"...One rightly observes the day who does so in a faith that renounces all self-confidence and trust in one's own works and rests only in God for deliverance from sin [NOTE: Sin is the transgression of the law. The seventh day Sabbath is Yahweh's law. Modern-day Christianity seeks to observe its sabbath through rest, even forcible rest on a day that is NOT the commanded day of the law.].

"...One rightly observes the day who meets with God's people for worship. The 'rest' of the Lord's day is not idleness but a gathering in which believers have fellowship with one another and with the risen Lord. The Lord's Day is not a private day; it belongs to the church.

"...From the end of the 4th century onward a trend very naturally developed toward the fuller equation of the Lord's Day with the OT sabbath, which it was now in fact to a large extent supplanting in Christian circles.

"...Alcuin, toward the end of the 8th century, specifically transferred the sabbath command to

the Lord's Day. Peter Alphonsus in the 12th century capped the whole development by describing the Lord's Day as the Christian sabbath." (End of *ISBE* article.)

Isn't it incredible! Sunday worship had not supplanted the seventh day to a large extent until the end of the 4th century! From these writings it is obvious that the Christian Church knew that the seven day rhythm begun at creation and commanded by the law was still in effect then as is the case even today.

Efforts to enforce the newly derived Christian seven-day cycle were made by civil legislation. Notice that it says that "Christians, therefore, are **free from the sabbath...**" What a fulfillment of Scripture! "Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against Yahweh, and against His Anointed (Messiah), saying, '**Let us break their bands (laws) asunder, and cast away their cords (the ties that bind) from us,**' Psa. 2:1-3.

Man (Christianity) followed the tradition of the Pharisees who nullified Yahweh's law through their own man-made traditions. They proclaimed that the Sabbath was done away, and then turned to apply the same Sabbath laws to another day of their own choosing.

THE SUNDAY ENFORCER

The very first effort made to enforce Sunday observance rather than the Sabbath by civil legislation came from Emperor Constantine the Great in 321 C.E.

Constantine decreed that all "judges, city-people, and craftsmen" should 'rest on this venerable day of the sun

[Sunday, the first day of the week],' but allowed farmers to attend to agriculture when natural conditions made it advisable (*International Standard Bible Encyclopedia*, p. 160).

Notice how unlike Yahweh's commandment is Constantine's. Not only is the day different, but Constantine also provided for agricultural exception while Yahweh proclaimed that the people should rest in earing time and in harvest (Ex. 34:21).

Constantine's choice of words is interesting, as "venerable" means, to venerate, revere or worship. His words mean that all should rest on this worshipful day of the sun, or let all reverence the day of the sun.

Just who was Constantine the Great?

THE REFORM EMPEROR

Constantine became sole emperor of the Roman Empire in 325 C.E. He is highly regarded

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by all Christian groups as the one instrumental in making Christianity the accepted religion of the Roman Empire.

Just before his battle with the superior forces of Maxentius at Milvian Bridge, he is said to have seen a vision of a flaming cross in heaven with the words

"En Touta Nike" (*By this conquer*). He adopted the cross as his device or sign and his troops carried it into the battle and were victorious. (*Encyclopedia Britannica*, 14th Ed., Vol. 6, article 'Constantine' p. 298).

Hislop reveals that the standard was the letter "X," which is the first letter (Greek *chi*) in the title of "Christ." He writes, "...the X may have been intended to have one meaning to the Christians and another to the Pagans. It is certain that the X was the symbol of the god Ham in Egypt, and as such was exhibited on the breast of his image." (*The Two Babylons* by Alexander Hislop, p. 204).

That Constantine's motives were to fuse Christianity and paganism into one religion is demonstrated by careful examination into his subsequent actions, and church history following his death.

The battle of Milvian Bridge took place on October 28, 312. His Edict of Toleration (C.E. 313) "...granted to 'Christians and to all others Full Liberty of following that Religion which each may choose'," was the first edict of its kind in history.

"He went further. He favored Christians in every way: filled chief offices with them: exempted Christian ministers from taxes and military service; encouraged and helped in building churches: made Christianity the religion of his court: issued a general exhortation (C.E. 325), to all his subjects, to embrace Christianity..." (*Halley's Bible Handbook*, by H. H. Halley, p. 759).

CHURCH-STATE BLENDING

Until the reign of Constantine the new-found religion now commonly termed "Christianity" had

been severely persecuted throughout the Roman Empire, yet even with the harsh persecution and the resulting death of many, their numbers grew.

The *Encyclopedia Britannica* says, "From his accession Constantine had shown himself the friend of the Christians; and when his victory over Licinius (C.E. 323) gave him undisputed possession of the crown, he adhered to this religious policy, distributing and fortifying the Christian cause by gratuities and grants of privilege. This propitiatory attitude originated in the fact that he recognized Christianity—which had successfully braved so many persecutions—as the most vital and vigorous of religions, and as the power of the future. Consequently he directed his energies toward the establishment of a positive relationship between it and the Roman State" (14th Ed. Vol. 16, p. 410, article, "Council of Nicaea").

Halley's Bible Handbook says, "Under Constantine, **Christianity was virtually made the State Religion of the Roman Empire.** The Church immediately became an institution of vast importance in World Politics. Constantine regarded himself as Head of the Church. He called the Council of Nicaea (C.E. 325), and presided over it, the First World Council of the Church" (p. 769).

The *Britannica* further states, "It has been said by Stanley that Constantine was entitled to be called 'Great' in virtue rather of what he did than of what he was; and it is true that neither his intellectual nor his moral qualities were such as to earn the title. His claim to greatness rests mainly on the fact that he divined the future which lay before Christianity, and determined to

enlist it in the service of his empire, and also on his achievement in completing the work begun by Aurelian and Diocletian, by which the quasi-constitutional monarchy or 'principate' of Augustus was transformed into the naked absolutism sometimes called the 'dominate'...he not only identified himself more openly than ever with Christianity but showed a determination to assert his supremacy in ecclesiastical affairs, holding no doubt that, as **the office of Pontifex Maximus** gave him supreme control of religious matters throughout the empire, **the regulation of Christianity fell within his province**...Like Diocletian, Constantine believed that the time had come for society to be remodeled by the fiat of despotic authority, and it is significant that from henceforth we meet with the undistinguished assertion that the will of the emperor is the sole fountain of the law. Constantine, in fact, embodies the

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spirit of absolute authority which both in church and state, was to prevail for many centuries" (14th Ed., Vol. 6, article "Constantine" pp. 298-299).

DANIEL 2 AND 7

Remember the prophecies revealed to Daniel? In Daniel chapter 2 a great metallic image was revealed in a dream to Nebuchadnezzar which was a thumbnail history of the world's king-

doms. The image had a head of gold, arms and breast of silver, belly and thighs of brass and legs of iron and feet of iron and clay.

The interpretation was that there would be four world ruling kingdoms. Nebuchadnezzar and his kingdom of Babylon was the head of gold. A second kingdom inferior to Babylon would follow. This kingdom, of course, was Medo-Persia. Still another kingdom, represented by the brass, would follow the Medo-Persian kingdom which was the Greek-Macedonian kingdom raised up by Alexander.

The fourth kingdom, represented by the iron, was Rome. It was to continue until the kingdom of heaven is established (v. 45). However, the mixture of iron and clay in the feet as well as iron and mirey clay (v. 41) reveal changes of nature that would take place in the Roman kingdom.

It is the understanding of this author that the iron and clay mixture first presented would typify the amalgamation of the Israelite tribes into the Roman Empire. The iron and mirey clay would further represent the change in its religious nature from pagan to so-called Christianity.

While Daniel chapter 2 reveals the metallic nature of the kingdoms, Daniel chapter 7 reveals the animal-like nature of the kingdoms.

The first kingdom of Daniel 7 is like a lion and has eagle's wings. This is Babylon. The second animal is like a bear with three ribs in its mouth. This is Medo-Persia. The third kingdom, Greece-Macedonia, is like a leopard with four heads and four wings on its back.

But the fourth kingdom is only

able to be described as a dreadful, terrible and exceedingly strong beast. There is no known earthly animal which could describe it. It is this kingdom that makes war with the saints and **PREVAILS AGAINST THEM!** (Dan. 7:21).

Constantine was one of the heads of this dreadful and terrible beast!

THREE HORNS

The historical records and facts, both civil and Biblical, reveal the subtle nature of Constantine. All emperors before him revealed the true nature of Rome. It was the enemy of Yahweh and His Son, Yahshua the Messiah. It was the stronghold of paganism and emperor worship. The emperors, beginning with Augustus, all possessed the pagan high priest title of **PONTIFEX MAXIMUS**. This gave them power over all pagan religions.

Constantine devised a new system or device to conquer this new virulent religion (Now called Christianity). Pretend to give in, make friends, grant favors, flatter. He caught the assembly of believers totally off guard, pretended to enter their fellowship, lulled them to sleep and then seized their power and authority for himself.

It appears to this author, through diligent study of both civil and Biblical history, that Constantine is the "little horn" of Daniel chapter 8.

In the third year of the reign of King Belshazzar a vision appeared unto Daniel after that which appeared to him at the first, Daniel 8:1. The first vision referred to here is the vision of Daniel 7.

Daniel saw a ram that had two

horns which were high, but one horn was higher than the other, and the higher came up last, verse 3.

The ram was pushing westward, and northward, and southward; so that no beasts might stand before him, neither was there any that could deliver out of his hand; but he did according to his will, and became great.

This ram with its two horns symbolizes the kings of Media and Persia, verse 20.

As Daniel was considering the ram, suddenly a he goat came from the west on the face of the whole earth, and touched not the ground: and the he goat had a notable horn between his eyes, verse 5.

We know that this he goat with its notable horn is Greece under Alexander the Great because verse 21 identifies the rough goat as the king (kingdom) of Grecia, and the great horn is the first

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king. History bears this out.

Alexander attacked the hundreds of thousands of Persia, perhaps as many as a million, with a force of only 30,000 men! Many may proclaim the cunning and skills of Alexander, as well as his greatness, but unless Yahweh had given Persia into his hands, he would not have succeeded.

Therefore the he goat waxed very great: and when he was strong, the great horn was broken; and for it came up four notable ones toward the four winds

of heaven, v. 8. We have all been taught out of the history books how Alexander wept for there were no more worlds to conquer and that he died from a drunken debauchery.

Alexander's kingdom was divided between his four generals. Ptolemy received Egypt, Palestine and some parts of Asia. Cassander received Greece and Macedonia. Lysimachus received Bithynia, Thrace, Mysia, etc. Seleucus received Syria, Armenia and territory east of the Euphrates.

Daniel writes that out of one of these four horns came forth a little horn, which waxed exceeding great toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the pleasant (bountiful [*The Interlinear Bible*]), verse 9.

This little horn waxed great, even to the host of heaven; and it cast down some of the host and of the stars to the ground, and stamped upon them. Yea, he magnified himself even to the Prince of host, and by him the daily (sacrifice) was taken away, and the place of His sanctuary was cast down. And an host was given him against the daily (sacrifice) by reason of transgression, and it cast down the truth to the ground; and it practised and prospered, verses 10-12.

Many proclaim that this little horn was Antiochus Ephphanes who did gain control of Palestine, caused the daily sacrifice to cease, offered swine on the altar of the temple and forced the Jews to renounce their faith, forbade Sabbath observance, eat pork and other unclean practices.

It was fulfilled by him in type but this vision is reserved for the time of the end, verse 17, and for many days, verse 26. Antiochus

Epiphanes was only a forerunner, a type of another that was to come.

TEMPLE WORSHIP DESTROYED

How did Antiochus magnify himself to (as) the Prince of hosts? By forcing his will and the worship of his pagan deities on the Jewish people. The kingdom of Greece received its power and authority from heaven. His Greek Kingdom was, in essence, the kingdom of heaven on earth. He declared himself to be the savior of the kingdom and the son of Elohim. Being the son of Elohim made him to also be Elohim. By this means he magnified himself as the Prince of hosts.

Constantine followed the same example! He had the power of the office of the empire. The Roman kingdom received its power and authority from heaven.

Augustus had declared that his uncle Julius Ceasar had been resurrected from his untimely death, ascended into heaven and had been made a god sitting in the assembly of the gods. Augustus declared himself to be the adopted son of Julius Caesar and therefore, the son of god (elohim).

All Caesars who followed Augustus assumed his office of power as the Augustus. Constantine was a successor of the Caesarean, Augustan office, thus he regarded himself to be the son of elohim and savior of the kingdom. He considered himself the sole authority over the assembly.

Yahshua the Messiah is the sole authority. He set an example that we should follow him. Constantine commanded the assembly to follow himself.

Constantine's edicts and laws were not patterned after scrip-

tural obedience but according to his own will and ancient pagan mystery religions, especially sun-worship!

Constantine's system cast some of the host to the ground and stamped on them. Yahweh's people, the true hosts, were still observing the Sabbath, Passover, and the holy days of Leviticus 23. Constantine's Sunday Edict enforced Sunday, not the Sabbath. Easter replaced the Passover and eventually all of Yahweh's holy days were forgotten in lieu of pagan holidays.

Those who persisted in Yahweh's True Worship were eventually persecuted so severely that they either had to recant and accept Paganistic Christianity, forfeit their lives for the truth or flee the confines of the Roman Empire.

The place of Yahweh's sanctuary was cast down. The Old Testament sanctuary began as the tabernacle in the wilderness in the midst of Israel. Upon entering the land of Palestine, the tabernacle abode at first in Shiloh. Shiloh eventually lost its significance, however, when the sons of Eli removed the ark of the covenant, using it to face the Philistine army.

It was captured by them but returned to Israel five months later after several plagues struck them, causing them to return the Ark. The Ark of the Covenant was eventually transferred to Jerusalem by King David where his son Solomon built the temple.

The temple at Jerusalem became the sanctuary of Yahweh until 69-70 C.E., when the Romans razed the city and temple, throwing down all the stones of it. After the Bar Kochba rebellion, which was finally overcome in 135 C.E., the Romans plowed

Jerusalem as a field and sowed salt upon it.

Thus the Romans cast down the sanctuary, destroying the city and temple, and causing the daily sacrifice to cease to be offered.

THE NEW TESTAMENT SANCTUARY

The Old Testament sanctuary was first a temporary tabernacle, becoming eventually a permanent temple all having been made by the hands of men. Yet Stephen proclaimed, under inspiration of the Holy Spirit, "Solomon built Him an house. Howbeit the Most High dwells not in temples made with hands; as says the prophet, 'Heaven is My throne, and earth is My footstool: what house will you build Me?' says Yahweh: 'or what is the place of My rest? Have not My hands made all these things?'" Acts 7:47-49.

Paul also stated, "Elohim that made the world and all things therein, seeing that He is Master of heaven and earth, dwells not in temples made with hands," Acts 17:24.

ENTER A NEW PRIESTHOOD

Yahshua came to institute a new temple, a new creation, for the old temple made by men's hands and the administration of the Old Testament covenant administered by men of a physical priesthood had become corrupted and needed to be changed.

Yahshua proclaimed, "Destroy this Temple, and in three days I will raise it up." Then said the Jews, 'Forty and six years was this Temple in building, and will you rear it up in three days?' But He spake of the Temple of His body," Jn. 2:19-21.

Paul also reveals, "Know you not that you are the temple of Elohim and that the Spirit of Elohim dwells in you? If any man defile the Temple of Elohim, him shall Elohim destroy; for the Temple of Elohim is holy, which temple you are," 1 Cor. 3:16-17.

"What? Know you not that your body is the Temple of the Holy Spirit which is in you, which you have of Elohim, and you are not your own?" 1 Cor. 6:19. "What agreement has the Temple of Elohim with idols? For you are the temple of the living Elohim; as Elohim has said, 'I will dwell in them, and walk in them: and I will be their Elohim, and they shall be My People,' 2 Cor. 6:16.

Truly the Scriptures reveal, both Old and New testaments, that there would be a change of administrations as well as dwelling places. Yahweh would no longer dwell in a physical, earthly sanctuary built by men's hands with the administration of an earthly, corruptible priesthood, but the Book of Hebrews reveals, "Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such a High Priest, Who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens; a Minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which Yahweh pitched and not man...For if that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second. For finding fault with them, He says, 'Behold the days come, says Yahweh, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah...In that He says 'a new covenant,' He has made the first old. Now that which decays and waxes old is ready to vanish away," Heb. 8:1-2, 7-8, 13.

As stated, the Old Testament

sanctuary and priesthood vanished away when the Roman Empire destroyed Jerusalem and the temple in 69-70 C.E., also eliminating the Levitical priesthood.

But a new, heavenly priesthood had already begun with the Spirit of Yahweh dwelling in men of the Father's election or choosing (Jn. 6:44), the Spirit dwelling in Yahweh's created creatures and not any longer in tabernacles or temples made by men's hands.

THE NEW DAILY SACRIFICE

The priesthood offered sacrifices daily in the temple at Jerusalem. The sacrifices consisted of the blood of bulls, sheep, goats, doves and pigeons. The sacrifice of Yahshua replaced the animal sacrifices of the Old Testament administration. His sacrifice was offered once for all sins and sacrifices, Heb. 9:24-28; 10:10; 7:27.

We who have the Spirit of Yahshua continue to offer sacrifices, however. Peter writes, "As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that you may grow there-by: if so be you have tasted that the Master is gracious. To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of Elohim, and precious, you also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to Elohim by Yahshua the Messiah," 1 Pet. 2:2-5.

The book of Hebrews describes what these sacrifices are, "Wherefore Yahshua also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered without the gate. Let us go forth therefore unto Him without the camp, bearing His reproach. For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come. By Him

therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to Elohim continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His name. But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices Elohim is well pleased," Heb. 13:12-16.

These sacrifices of praise were prophesied in the Old Testament book of Hosea, "O Israel, return unto Yahweh your Elohim; for you have fallen by your iniquity. Take with you words, and turn to Yahweh: say unto Him, 'Take away all iniquity, and receive us graciously: so will we render the calves of our lips'," 14:1-2.

David also revealed the true sacrifice, "Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O Elohim, You Elohim of my salvation: and my tongue shall sing aloud of Your righteousness. O Yahweh, open You my lips; and my mouth shall shew forth Your praise. For You desire not sacrifice; else would I give it: You delight not in burnt offering. The sacrifices of Elohim are a broken spirit: a broken and contrite heart, O Elohim, You will not despise," Psa. 51:14-17.

ALL OTHER BELIEFS SUPPRESSED

The true sacrifice today is the praise of Yahweh's righteousness exhibited by His Son Yahshua. He was tempted in all points like as we, yet without sin. Our righteousness comes through Him, "Whereof the Holy Spirit also is a witness to us: for after that He had said before, 'This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says Yahweh; I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; and their sins and iniquities will I remember no more'," Heb. 10:15-17.

We must all encourage one an-

other to work good works, works of righteousness. But Rome has taken away the daily sacrifice of most of Yahweh's people by instituting its own brand of works under the name of another savior, thereby causing the daily sacrifice to cease to be offered to the true Elohim.

Constantine's brand of Christianity has practised and prospered into a great Catholic (universal, worldwide) Church, which has also engendered many protesting (Protestant) daughters (churches), a Greek Orthodox Church and a Russian Orthodox Church.

DOING RIGHT IN THEIR OWN EYES

The *Britannica* confesses, "in making the State Christian, Constantine made the Church a State institution, and therefore under imperial control. Caesarpapism was the logical consequence. The sacerdotium was united with the imperium in the person of the monarch as in the Pagan state.

"...The character of the Church as a State institution is expressed above all in the synods. The general councils are not only summoned by the emperor, but are presided over by him or his lay deputies. The emperor or his representative not only keeps order but conducts the deliberations and intervenes in the theological debates. It has been erroneously thought that the Council of Chalcedon (451) the legate of Pope Leo presided; but the acts of that assembly teach us otherwise; the privilege which the Roman legates possessed was that of voting first (the right of princeps senatus). The first general council at which a churchman presided was the seventh (at Nicaea, 787), at which the emperor

(or empress) deputed not a layman, but the patriarch Tarasius to preside. The resolutions of these ecclesiastical State-councils did not become the law of the empire till they were confirmed by imperial edicts.

The emperors, in their capacity as heads of the Church, did not confine themselves to controlling it by controlling the councils. They soon began to issue edicts dealing with theology, by virtue of their own authority" (14th Ed., Vol. 19, article "*Roman Empire Later*," subtitle "*Church and State*").

Halley's Bible Handbook adds, "Emperor Constantine (C.E. 306-337), when he became a Christian, issued an Edict granting everybody the right to choose his own Religion.

"Emperor Theodosius (C.E. 378-398), made Christianity the State Religion of the Roman Empire, and made Church membership compulsory. This was the worst calamity that has ever befallen the church. This forced conversion filled the Churches with unregenerate people.

"Not only so, Theodosius undertook the forcible suppression of all other religions, and prohibited idol worship. Under his decrees, heathen temples were torn down by mobs of Christians, and there was much bloodshed.

"[Messiah] had designed to conquer by purely spiritual and moral means. Up to this time conversion was voluntary, a genuine change in heart and life.

"But now the military spirit of Imperial Rome had entered the Church. The Church had conquered the Roman Empire. But in reality the Roman Empire had conquered the Church, by making the Church over into the image of the Roman Empire.

"The Church had changed its nature, **had entered its great apostasy**, had become a political organization in the Spirit and pattern of Imperial Rome, and took its nose-dive into the millennium of Papal abominations.

"The Imperial Church of the 4th and 5th centuries had become an entirely different institution from the pre-persecuted church of the first three centuries. In its ambition to rule, it lost and forgot the spirit of [the Messiah].

"Worship, at first very simple, was developed into elaborate, stately, imposing ceremonies having all the out-ward splendor that had belonged to the heathen temples" (p. 760, article "*Paganization of the Church*").

The evidence is conclusive. Constantine is not the hero of modern-day Christianity as is supposed, but rather the author of paganism and heathenism which has entered the assembly as a deadly virus, which slays at will.

CONSTANTINE, THE SUN WORSHIPPER

Constantine intended to use the vigorous religion to accomplish his own will, his own schemes of personal grandeur, to magnify himself above all others, even to the Prince of hosts.

His purposes and edicts, as well as those of his successors, reveal a mind that is totally opposite to the mind of Yahshua, Who sought His Father's will above His own and fulfilled His commandments.

Constantine sought to weld the Church and State into one great political body, in unity so that his own position was safe, secure as well as powerful.

The *ISBE* admits that the Jewish Christians had the Sabbath as a day of rest. (article "Lord's Day," p. 159)

But it states that Gentile Christians had no mandatory weekly day of rest and were thus forced to worship early in the morning or late in the evening.

Such cannot be the case for the Book of Acts reveals that the Gentile converts observed the Sabbath, Acts 13:14-44; 15:1-21; 16:13; 17:1-4; 18:4.

THE SUNDAY COMMAND

In the history of Sabbath transformation the *International Standard Bible Encyclopedia (ISBE)* admits, "The next step came with the accession of Constantine and his recognition and favoring of the Christian Church. Hitherto the Roman Empire had no firmly established week, although **Mithraism had observed the first day as the day of the sun** and the seventh day had often been made a special day for feasting. In C.E. 321 Constantine, who also had some attachment to the sun-god, made the first day a regular public holiday, decreeing that all 'judges, city-people, and craftsmen' should 'rest on this venerable day of the sun'." (p. 160)

"Mithraism, a religion of Persia first entered Rome around the time of Pompey and Julius Caesar. Toward the end of the second century the cult had begun to spread rapidly through the army, the mercantile class, slaves and actual propagandists, all of which classes were largely composed of Asiatics...Mithras, identified with Sol Invictus (the unconquered sun), thus became the giver of authority and victory to the imperial house." (*Encyclopedia Britanni-*

ca, 14th Ed., Vol. 15, p. 620)

THE TRUE MEANING OF SUNDAY

Sunday is associated with ancient pagan mystery worship. The *Britannica* notes, "The general service tended to grow more elaborate, the *missa fidelium* tended to take on the character of the current GREEK MYSTERIES...Thus the early idea of the services, as occasions for mutual edification through the interchange of spiritual gifts, gave way in course of time to the theory that they consisted of sacred and mysterious rites by means of which communion with God is promoted...In the Eastern Church the religious interest concerned itself more keenly with the mystic rites of divine worship than with dogma." (Vol. 5, article "Church History," pp. 677-679)

ADMIXTURE OF PAGANISM

Constantine sold the heavenly host out to the ancient pagan mystery religions of which Sunday, sun-worship, was prominent.

Albert Pike, a 33rd degree Mason, reveals the true meanings of Sunday worship in his book, *Morals and Dogma*: "We learn from Celsus, in Origen; who says that the symbolical image of the passage among the Stars, used in the Mithraic Mysteries, was a ladder, reaching from earth to Heaven, divided into seven steps or stages, to each of which was a gate, and at the summit an eighth, that of the fixed stars. The first gate says Celsus, was that of Saturn, and of lead, by the heavy nature whereof his dull slow progress was symbolized. The second of tin, was that of Venus, symbolizing her soft

splendor and easy flexibility. The third of brass, was that of Jupiter, emblem of his solidity and dry nature. The fourth of iron was that of Mercury, expressing his indefatigable activity and sagacity. The fifth of copper, was that of Mars, expressing his inequalities and variable nature. The sixth, of silver, was that of the Moon: and the seventh, of gold, that of the sun, This order is not the real order of these Planets; but a mysterious one, **like that of the days of the week consecrated to them, commencing with Saturday, and retrograding to Sunday.** It was dictated, Celsus says, of certain harmonic relations, those of the fourth." (P. 414)

As we previously discovered, the seven-day week with the Sabbath rest was a sabbatical rhythm of time revealed to Israel through Moses, while the so-called apostolic church adopted its own sabbatical rhythm in Sunday worship.

THE COUNTERFEIT SABBATH

Mr. Pike reveals that this Sunday rhythm is in retrograde (retiring or retreating) rather than advancing or progressing. To retrograde also means to degenerate.

In other words, Yahweh commanded to count day 1 through 6 and to rest on the seventh day Sabbath. But Mr. Pike reveals that the modern-day Sunday observance is a mystic order wherein the count begins with the Sabbath as day one and counts backward to Sunday making it the seventh day.

Mr. Pike had earlier revealed, "The true name of Satan, the Kabalists say, is that of [Yahweh] reversed; for Satan

is...the negation of God. The Devil is the personification of Atheism or Idolatry.” (*Morals and Dogma*, p. 102)

Mr. Pike reveals the true nature of Sunday and its worship. It is contrary to Yahweh’s command, Yahweh’s nature. Sunday worship is anti-Yahweh, anti-Messiah.

Sunday is Satan’s sabbath, the being who deceives the whole world (Rev. 12:9). It represents the sun (Sun-day) and gold. Mr. Pike says, “Gold to the eyes of the Initiates is Light condensed. They style the sacred numbers of the Kabbalah “golden numbers,” and the moral teachings of Pythagoras his “golden verses.” (*IBID*, p. 102)

Mr. Pike says of the devil, “For the initiates (into Masonic Mysteries), this is not a person, but a Force, created for good, but which may serve for evil. It is the instrument of liberty or free will. They represent this force, which presides over the physical generation, under the mythologic and horned form of the god Pan; thence came the he-goat of the Sabbat, and the Light-bearer of Phosphor, of which the poets have made the false Lucifer of the legend.” (*IBID*, P. 102)

Lucifer means light bearer. Sunday is the day of gold to the Masonic initiate, and the sun, is their false light.

TO GO BACKWARD

When Yahweh created or re-created the heavens and the earth (Gen. 1), to begin with everything had become waste and empty. Everything had degenerated (retrograded) to destruction because of Satan’s original rebellion (apostasy). Through a succession of six days of creation Yahweh delivered, relieved, re-

generated the earth from its state of destruction until he could finally rest on the seventh day.

Satan the devil, the rebel, the apostatizer, the deceiver, the degenerate, the one who retrogrades, the negation of Yahweh, the anti-Yahweh, the anti-Messiah, deceived Eve through a lie. Man took of the forbidden fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil and came under the penalty of death.

Yahweh’s warning was, “You shall not eat of it: for in the day that you eat thereof you shall surely die,” Gen. 2:17. (The actual Hebrew says, “dying, you shall die.”) In other words, the process of death began, which is a process of degeneration, of corruption, of retrograding, of going backward instead of forward!

Man is under the influence of the corrupter, the degenerate, the retrograder. Yahweh had said, “Do not eat,” and man ate. He said, “Observe My law,” and man says the law is done away. He says, “Keep the Sabbath,” which is a sign of going forward, progression, and regeneration, and man observes Sunday, a sign of retrograding, going backward, degeneration, apostatizing, corruption.

CONSTANTINE’S IDOLATRY TODAY

An interesting statement is made in the Book of Hebrews, “Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, My soul shall have no pleasure in him. But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul,” Heb. 10:38-39.

“Perdition” means ruin, waste, destruction, perish, die, to shrink, apostasy, withdraw, etc.

In other words we are not of them who corrupt, apostatize, degenerate, retrograde to death and destruction—but we believe unto salvation (regeneration, renewal, relief, go forward, progress to life).

Eve was lied to and deceived by the serpent Satan in the garden of Eden. Similarly, the ancient nations of Israel and Judah came under Satan’s influence and had to be destroyed. Even so, modern-day churchianity had generally been deceived into going the way of the corrupter, the degenerate one.

Constantine deceived the New Testament assembly into believing that he was one of them when, in reality, his actions and their results prove otherwise. Under his subtle, skillful manipulations, paganistic idolatry was introduced into the assembly causing degeneration and retrograding, instead of progression and regeneration.

Remember, Mr. Pike’s statement that the Devil was the power which led to idolatry and atheism? Look about you and see the idols of the religion today called Christianity.

How is it that the western world, supposedly the fortress of Christianity, is also the fortress of evolution and atheism? It is because most modern-day, Bible-professing churches are corrupt, degenerate, in retrograde, and stand in danger of death and destruction.

If you are a modern-day Sunday worshiping Christian then you need to read Rev. 12:9, “And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent called **the Devil and Satan which deceives the whole world**: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.”

Satan has deceived the modern day world to cast Yahweh's commanded Sabbath day behind them, causing them to embrace the day at the opposite end of the count, the first day of the week, as their rest day and day of con- vocation. This goes contrary to the command of Yahweh. This negates Yahweh's command. This is in retrograde to that which is established by the awe- some Creator Yahweh and leads to degeneration and destruction.

WHO SANCTIONED

SUNDAY WORSHIP?

Yahweh commanded His people to set aside the seventh day of the week for a special rest day and holy convocation. Yet, millions of people are setting aside a different day of the week for this purpose. Who was it that changed the day from the Sabbath to Sunday?

The Catholic Church admits: "Sunday is a Catholic institution, and its claims to observance can be defended only on Catholic principles...**From beginning to end of Scripture there is not a single passage that warrants the transfer of weekly public worship from the last day of the week to the first.**" (*The Catholic Press, Sydney, Australia*, August, 1900. Emphasis ours throughout.)

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

"It was the Catholic Church which, by the authority of J-sus Chr-st, has transferred this rest (from the Bible Sabbath) to the Sunday...Thus **the observance of Sunday by the Protestants is an homage they pay, in spite of themselves, to the authority of the (Catholic) Church.**" (*Monsignor Louis Segur, Plain Talk about the Protestantism of Today*, page 213.)

Isn't it interesting that the church thought it had the authority to change one of Yahweh's commandments when the Savior never did, for He

PETER'S EXCELLENT AD- VICE

If this article has convicted of con- vinced you in any way that you have been corrupting, apostatizing, retro- grading, then you need to follow Pe- ter's admonition when the men of his day were pricked in their heart asking him, "Men and brethren what shall we do?"

Then Peter said unto them, "Repent (turn, change) and be baptized every- one of you in the name of Yahshua the Messiah for the remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy

Spirit. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as Yahweh or Elohim shall call," Acts 2:37-38.

Turn, repent from disobedience. Turn from the way of the deceiver, the destroyer. Turn from the sin of Sab- bath desecration, begin to obey Yah- weh's command and be washed from your sins.

Believe in the true Elohim Who has the power through His glorious Son Yahshua to progress, move forward, and to regenerate you to salvation, incorruption, immorality, and to the true light and life everlasting!

said, "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least

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commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach *them*, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven," Mt. 5:17-19.

We all know and understand where the command came from to observe the Sabbath day. A quick look at Gen. 2:1-4, Ex. 16; Ex. 20:8-11, 31:12-17, Lev. 23:1-3, etc. should be proof enough. But just who was it that commanded Sunday to be observed and why?

CONSTANTINE THE SUN WORSHIPPER

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The Immense Majesty — A History

of *Rome and the Roman Empire* by Thomas W. Africa, under the heading of *The Christian Revolution* also reveals, "His (Eusebius, a supposed early church historian) apologetic works are crammed with references to authors now lost, and he welded Christianity to classical culture by claiming that Plato and other sages were either inspired by Biblical truth or had somehow intuited it. The Pax Romana had been divinely designed to make the world safe for Christianity, which was the culmination of all that was good in the past. THE HERO WHO COMPLETED THE DIVINE PLAN, CONSTANTINE, WAS GLORIFIED IN A PANEGYRICAL BIOGRAPHY THAT CONTAINS MUCH USE-FUL MATERIAL...The Roman Emperor was as divine as he could be while still remaining a Christian...**The widespread solar cult was incorporated by Constantine, whose views of Christ WERE ALLOYED with his old devotion to Sol Invictus.** In 321 the emperor reserved Sunday as a holiday for Christians, and in 336 the birthday of Sol Invictus, December 25, was arbitrarily chosen as Christmas. A mosaic still survives under Saint Peter's in Rome which shows Christ as a solar deity in Apollo's chariot." (Chapter 9, pp. 356-357)

How is it that Constantine is considered to be the "hero who completed the divine plan?" I thought that it was the Messiah Yahshua Who did such! Notice also that Constantine alloyed his views of the Messiah with those of Sol Invictus.

Why would Constantine seek to do such a thing? The answer is found in the *Encyclopedia Britannica*, 14th Edition, Vol. 15 under the article *Mithras*, "Mithras, identified with Sol Invictus, thus became the GIVER OF AUTHORITY AND VICTORY TO THE IMPERIAL HOUSE...the sanctification of Sunday and December 25th were involved in his worship...Some icons in his worship were Mithras and Helios (the sun, or Apollo) banqueting together; Mithras and Helios mounting the chariot of the latter and riding over the ocean." (pp. 620-621)

The *Encyclopedia Britannica* also admits, "Constantine's claim to

greatness rests mainly on the fact that he divined the future which lay before Christianity, **and determined to enlist it in the service of his empire.**" (14th Ed., Vol. 6, pp. 298-299)

Constantine was seeking his own power, his own authority, his own glory. He was more than willing to take that which was holy, precious and pure, blend it with abject paganism and then lead the public into this deceitful form of worship.

Upon his death, Constantine was declared to be a god by the pagan senate at Rome while the Byzantine Church in the east declared him a saint "equal to the apostles."

THE ROMAN BEAST

Just who was Constantine specifically? Constantine was emperor of the Roman Empire. Rome was the prophesied fourth kingdom of Daniel 2 and the fourth beast of Daniel 7.

King Nebuchadnezzar had dreamed a dream which he couldn't remember (Dan. 2:1). He called for all of his counsellors, astrologers, etc. inquiring of them what it was that he had dreamed and its significance (Dan. 2:2-3). When they admitted that they couldn't explain the dream to

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him he threatened their lives and the lives of their families (Dan. 2:4-12).

Yahweh revealed the dream to Daniel who informed the king that he had dreamed of a great image whose head was gold, chest and arms of silver, belly and thighs of brass, legs of iron and feet part of iron and part of clay (Dan. 2:17-33).

Nebuchadnezzar was informed that he was the head of gold and that other kingdoms would also follow his which would be inferior to his (Dan. 2:36-40). History reveals that Nebuchadnezzar's kingdom of Babylon was followed by Persia which in turn was followed by Greece, which also in turn was followed by Rome. It was stated that the reason that the feet were part of

iron and part of clay was because the kingdom of Rome would become divided (Dan. 2:41). History also records that Rome was divided between east and west.

But now notice in Dan. 7 that there is another description of these same kingdoms. While the kingdoms are given metals for specific symbolism in Dan. 2, Dan. 7 gives an animal-istic nature.

In order to clarify that these are the same kingdoms, we are given a geographic location wherein these kingdoms ruled. That geographic location is the "great sea" (Dan. 7:2). The "great sea" was known to the ancients as the Mediterranean Sea.

These kingdoms all had their turn in ruling over that geographic location. Rome was the fourth kingdom to bear absolute rule over that area. The influence of all of these four kingdoms are evident and prominent in our world today, but the influence of the fourth kingdom, the terrible beast called the Roman Empire is more prevalent than them all!

THE CHANGE OF TIMES AND LAWS

One of the most important things to notice about this fourth kingdom is found in verse 25 of Dan. 7, "And he (the little horn of the fourth beast) 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." Notice it again! This fourth beast will make war against the saints of the Most High and **THINK TO CHANGE TIMES AND LAWS!**

Such has happened! Under the influence of Rome, many changes have taken place in this world. A day was originally observed as beginning and ending around sunset. Under Rome midnight begins and ends the day. A month was originally governed by the moon (from whence comes the word "month"). When the first visible crescent of the new moon appeared, the next month began, the old month had ended. Today the moon isn't even given consideration as having any influence toward monthly calculation. The year originally began and ended

with the new moon closest to the vernal equinox. Under Roman influence, the year ends on Dec. 31 and begins on Jan. 1, in the dead of winter.

Yahweh had commanded annual festivals to be observed by His people (Lev. 23), but today the world is taken up with pagan festive "holidays" introduced by the Roman Emperors and Popes.

Finally there is the week. While the seven day week continues to stand in

exactness to the seven day week of creation and the week given to the Hebrews by Yahweh, the commanded day of observance has been changed. Yahweh commanded that the seventh day Sabbath be observed (Ex. 20:8-11, Lev. 23:1-3, etc.). However, under the command of Constantine, the successive emperors of the Roman Empire who followed him, the Greek Orthodox (Catholic) Church of the east and the Roman Catholic Church (the Popes) of the west, Sunday, the

first day of the week, has been embraced instead. If you are observing these things in the manner of Rome, then you are under the influence and authority of the dreaded beast of Dan. 7 and Rev. 13 while also being influenced by MYSTERY BABYLON THE GREAT of Rev. 17 and 18.

It is our admonition that you repent (Acts 2:38) and come out of her (Rev. 18:4).

CONSTANTINE, THE CHURCH, SUNDAY AND THE SABBATH

How did Sunday, the first day of the week and the day of the pagan sun god come to replace the seventh day Sabbath? Here is what is admitted in the revised *International Standard Bible Encyclopedia Fully Revised (ISBE)*, Vol. 3, p. 160, article "Lord's Day" — "The next step (toward Sunday observance) came with the accession of Constantine and his recognition and favoring of the Christian Church. Hitherto the Roman empire had had no firmly established week, **although Mithraism had observed the first day as the day of the sun** and the seventh had often been made a special day for feasting. In C.E. 321 Constantine, **who also had some attachment to the sun-god**, made the first day a regular public holiday, decreeing that all 'judges, city-people, and craftsmen' should 'rest on this VENERABLE DAY OF THE SUN,' but allowing farmers to attend to agriculture when natural conditions made it advisable. This law naturally facilitated Christian worship, and Christians not only hailed the day as the day of the true SUN of righteousness but also claimed that its observance as a day of worship rested not on compliance with a state decision but on apostolic tradition." (end of quote.)

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The Immense Majesty — A History of Rome and the Roman Empire by Thomas W. Africa, under the heading of *The Christian Revolution* also reveals, "His (Eusebius, a supposed early church historian) apologetic works are crammed with references to authors now lost, and he welded Christianity to classical culture by claiming that Plato and other sages were either inspired by Biblical truth or had somehow intuited it. The Pax Romana had been divinely designed to make the world safe for Christianity, which was the culmination of all that was good in the past. **THE HERO WHO COMPLETED THE DIVINE PLAN, CONSTANTINE, WAS GLORIFIED IN A PANEGYRICAL BIOGRAPHY THAT CONTAINS MUCH USEFUL MATERIAL...**The Roman Emperor was as divine as he could be while still remaining a Christian...**The widespread solar cult was incorporated by Constantine, whose views of Christ WERE ALLOYED with his old devotion to Sol Invictus.** In 321 the emperor reserved Sunday as a holiday for Christians, and in 336 the birthday of Sol Invictus, December 25, was arbitrarily chosen as Christmas. A mosaic still survives under Saint Peter's in Rome which shows Christ as a solar deity in Apollo's chariot." (Chapter 9, pp. 356-357)

THE HERO?

How is it that Constantine is considered to be the "hero who completed the divine plan?" I thought

that it was the Messiah Yahshua Who did such! Notice also that Constantine alloyed his views of the Messiah with those of Sol Invictus.

Why would Constantine seek to do such a thing? The answer is found in the *Encyclopedia Britannica*, 14th Edition, Vol. 15 under the article *Mithras*, "Mithras, identified with Sol Invictus, thus became the GIVER OF AUTHORITY AND VICTORY TO THE IMPERIAL HOUSE...the sanctification of Sunday and December 25th were involved in his worship...Some icons in his worship were Mithras and Helios (the sun, or Apollo) banqueting together; Mithras and Helios mounting the chariot of the latter and riding over the ocean." (pp. 620-621)

The *Encyclopedia Britannica* also admits, "Constantine's claim to greatness rests mainly on the fact that he divined the future which lay before Christianity, **and determined to enlist it in the service of his empire.**" (14th Ed., Vol. 6, pp. 298-299)

Constantine was seeking his own power, his own authority, his own glory. He was more than willing to take that which was holy, precious and pure, blend it with abject paganism and then lead the public into this deceitful form of worship.

Upon his death, Constantine was declared to be a god by the pagan senate at Rome while the Byzantine Church in the east declared him a saint "equal to the apostles."

THE TRUTH ABOUT SUNDAY

Albert Pike, a 33rd degree Mason,

reveals the true meanings of Sunday worship in his book, *Morals and Dogma*: “We learn from Celsus, in Origen; who says that the symbolical image of the passage among the Stars, **used in the Mithraic Mysteries**, was a ladder, reaching from earth to Heaven, divided into seven steps or stages, to each of which was a gate, and at the summit an eighth, that of the fixed stars. The first gate says Celsus, was that of Saturn, and of lead, by the heavy nature whereof his dull slow progress was symbolized. The second of tin, was that of Venus, symbolizing her soft splendor and easy flexibility. The third of brass, was that of Jupiter, emblem of his solidity and dry nature. The fourth of iron was that of Mercury, expressing his indefatigable activity and sagacity. The fifth of copper, was that of Mars, expressing his inequalities and variable nature. The sixth, of silver, was that of the Moon; and the seventh, of gold, that of the sun, This order is not the real order of these Planets; but a mysterious one, **like that of the days of the week consecrated to them, commencing with Saturday, and retrograding to Sunday**. It was dictated, Celsus says, of certain harmonic relations, those of the fourth.” (P. 414)

Mr. Pike reveals that this Sunday rhythm is in retrograde (retiring or retreating) rather than advancing or progressing. To retrograde also means to degenerate.

In other words, Yahweh commanded to count day 1 through 6 and to rest on the seventh day Sabbath. But Mr. Pike reveals that the modern-day Sunday observance is a mystic order wherein the count begins with the Sabbath as day one and counts backward to Sunday making it the seventh day.

Mr. Pike had earlier revealed, “The true name of Satan, the Kabalists say, is that of [Yahweh] reversed; for Satan is...the negation of God. The Devil is the personification of Atheism or Idolatry.” (*Morals and Dogma*, p. 102)

Mr. Pike reveals the true nature of Sunday and its worship. It is contrary to Yahweh’s command, Yahweh’s nature. Sunday worship is anti-Yahweh, anti-Messiah.

SATAN’S DAY

Sunday is Satan’s sabbath, the being

who deceives the whole world (Rev. 12:9). It represents the sun (Sun-day) and gold. Mr. Pike says, “Gold to the eyes of the Initiates is Light condensed. They style the sacred numbers of the Kabalah “golden numbers,” and the moral teachings of Pythagoras his “golden verses.” (*IBID*, p. 102)

Mr. Pike says of the devil, “For the initiates (into Masonic Mysteries), this is not a person, but a Force, created for good, but which may serve for evil. It is the instrument of liberty or free will. They represent this force, which presides over the physical generation, under the mythologic and horned form of the god Pan; thence came the he-goat of the Sabbat, and the Light-bearer of Phosphor, of which the poets have made the false Lucifer of the legend.” (*IBID*, P. 102)

Lucifer means light bearer. Sunday, the day of gold and the sun, is the false light.

When Yahweh created or re-created the heavens and the earth (Gen. 1), to begin with everything had become waste and empty. Everything had degenerated (retrograded) to destruction because of Satan’s original rebellion (apostasy). Through a succession of six days of creation Yahweh deliv-

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ered, relieved, regenerated the earth from its state of destruction until he could finally rest on the seventh day.

Satan the devil, the rebel, the apostatizer, the deceiver, the degenerate, the one who retrogrades, the negation of Yahweh, the anti-Yahweh, the anti-Messiah, deceived Eve through a lie. Man took of the forbidden fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil and came under the penalty of death.

Yahweh’s warning was, “You shall not eat of it: for in the day that you eat thereof you shall surely die,” Gen. 2:17. (The actual Hebrew says, “dying, you shall die.”) In other words, the process of death began,

which is a process of degeneration, of corruption of retrograding, of going backward instead of forward!

Man is under the influence of the corrupter, the degenerate, the retrograder. Yahweh had said, “Do not eat,” and man ate. He said, “Observe My law,” and man says the law is done away. He says, “Keep the Sabbath,” which is a sign of going forward, progression, and regeneration, and man observes Sunday, a sign of retrograding, going backward, degeneration, apostatizing, corruption.

An interesting statement is made in the Book of Hebrews, “Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, My soul shall have no pleasure in him. But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul,” Heb. 10:38-39.

“Perdition” means ruin, waste, destruction, perish, die, to shrink, apostasy, withdraw, etc. In other words we are not of them who corrupt, apostatize, degenerate, retrograde to death and destruction—but we believe unto salvation (regeneration, renewal, relief, go forward, progress to life).

DECEPTION

Eve was lied to and deceived by the serpent Satan in the garden of Eden. Similarly, the ancient nations of Israel and Judah came under Satan’s influence and had to be destroyed. Even so, modern-day churchianity had generally been deceived into going the way of the corrupter, the degenerate one.

Constantine deceived the New Testament assembly into believing that he was one of them when, in reality, his actions and their results prove otherwise. Under his subtle, skillful manipulations, paganistic idolatry was introduced into the assembly causing degeneration and retrograding, instead of progression and regeneration.

Remember, Mr. Pike’s statement that the Devil was the power which led to idolatry and atheism? Look about you and see the idols of the religion today called Christianity.

How is it that the western world, supposedly the fortress of Christianity, is also the fortress of evolution and atheism? It is because most modern-day, Bible-professing churches are corrupted, degenerate, in retrograde, and stand in danger of death and de-

struction.

If you are a modern-day Sunday worshipping Christian then you need to read Rev. 12:9, "And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent called **the Devil and Satan which deceives the whole world**: he was cast out

into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him."

Satan has deceived the modern day world to cast Yahweh's commanded Sabbath day behind them, causing them to embrace the day at the opposite end of the count, the first day of

the week, as their rest day and day of convocation. This goes contrary to the command of Yahweh. This negates Yahweh's command. This is in retrograde to that which is established by the awesome Creator Yahweh and leads to degeneration and destruction.

KEEPING THE SABBATH

Necessary For Salvation?

By Elder George Kinney (deceased)

To achieve salvation, is it necessary to keep the Sabbath?

We might answer this with another question:

Will we be saved if we commit murder once each week? I think

not.

The commandment prohibiting murder is one of the same **Ten Commandments** which requires keeping the Sabbath; the seventh day of the week (Ex. 20:2-17).

On acceptance of the propitiatory free gift, we are to sin not, for:

"The wages of sin is death; but the gift of Yahweh is eternal life through Yahshua the Messiah our Savior" (Rom. 6:23). *GK*

FINAL COMMENTS

The information that we have presented herein is done so in order to provoke you to see and understand the truth of the matter. Our Creator Yahweh established the seventh day Sabbath as a "memorial" to His own great works, power, and ability. It is men, under the influence of the deceiving serpent Satan (Rev. 12:9) who have been led astray on this issue and have appointed another day, or any other day than the seventh day Sabbath.

The Sabbath was established as a

day of blessing and holiness; a day of rest. It was established to be a "sign" between Yahweh and His people Israel. While today's world discourages seventh day Sabbath keeping, for those who do observe and keep it, it is and has been a tremendous blessing.

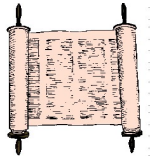
The first article entitled "Restoring The Sabbath" reveals that through man's own research, the seven day cycle still exists, and those who observe it are greatly blessed in health and mentality if they will begin to

inculcate its rhythm into their lives.

Our encouragement is for you to embrace its rhythm and see how it works for you. The Apostle Peter encouraged the people of his day to "REPENT!" Yes, turn, repent and begin to follow your Creator's word! The consequences are quite positive and fulfilling! May Yahweh bless you to see the truth and turn your heart to Him!
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