

THE SABBATH



SECTION 1--INTRODUCTION:

This is an opportunity for us to challenge the doctrines we've believed, and this can challenge our faith. Habakkuk 2:4 says, "The righteous will live by their faithfulness to God." Hebrews 11:6 says, "He rewards the faith of those who passionately seek Him." Sometimes when we hear the truth, it's the opposite of what we're doing or what we believe, and we get offended when we hear it. Some people are living up to all the light that they have. Some, when they learn more, they are willing to follow it, but some reject truth. It's hard to accept truth if we've believed something that isn't true. Sometimes it's hard to accept that there's something more to learn. We're supposed to test everything, so test this. Let God reveal His Word to you. Let Him write His Law on your minds and put it in your hearts (Jeremiah 31:31-34).

We all should be open to the Scriptures and accept the possibility that we've been wrong. The gospel offends. It's supposed to "divide soul and spirit, bone and marrow." This dividing shows us what truth is and what deception is, what light is and what darkness is. It divides away the sin from us. And some people respond by denying it or becoming angry. If this study makes you angry, I hope you're angry with the enemy. I was deceived for years. I believed the lies and excuses of the enemy about the Sabbath. But I thank God for revealing the truth to me and I hope you will thank the Lord for revealing HIS truth!

God is so gracious when we're wrong, and He gives us an opportunity to find Him, repent and turn away from our own ways and turn back to Him. God gave us the Sabbath to recognize that He is the Creator. The Sabbath was made for man as a gift, a blessing. God wants us to rest, but we have to rest on the day He commanded us to. Yeshua was a beautiful example of how to keep the Sabbath. We don't see Yeshua (Jesus) resting on any other day than "the" Sabbath. We don't see Him teaching in the synagogue on any other day. He never said, "I'll take a Sabbath today" or "take your Sabbath on Thursday." No, He kept the Sabbath of His Father.

Studies like this make us examine our hearts to make sure we are not rebelling, standing in opposition to God and His commandments. Conviction is sometimes hard. We feel the sting of sin. We hurt because we were deceived for so long. But, we're called to be disciples, students of Yeshua, and to proclaim the truth in spite of what people think. Yeshua said "Go ye therefore and teach all nations." We also need to examine those to whom we listen. Matthew 5:6 says, "those who hunger and thirst for righteousness shall be filled." Pastors aren't responsible for our faith or our doctrines. We have to be careful because we've been warned about false teachers. In Yeshua's day, Pharisees were leading people to man's traditions instead of God's commandments, and He rebuked them for it. They didn't know they were deceived. They thought they were doing the right thing. Even Paul, before his encounter with Yeshua, thought he was doing the right thing. Today, pastors are leading people in man's traditions. Many false teachers don't know they're false teachers—they've been deceived! They teach doctrines to make the Bible say something it doesn't mean. Most people are buying the lies. The enemy is laughing because this is the road that leads to destruction. It has eternal consequences.

When we come to Scripture and try to put our ideas into, we can never fully understand it. We should not force our own preconceived ideas into it. We have to look at it from the original context (the Hebrew context) and take from the text what it meant in the time it was written. We can't put a few verses out of it and form doctrines around these verses. Rather, we need to study the whole counsel of Scripture to understand what the entire word of God is saying. We need to let the Holy Spirit teach us. The enemy doesn't want us to look history and context because he's the author of confusion. He wants every person is interpreting for himself, and this is where false doctrines come in.

I met a man named Steven at Sprouts. I was buying lamb for Passover and he worked in the meat department. He asked me if I was buying the lamb for Passover and I said "yes!" We began to talk. He told me he kept the Sabbath and the Feasts of the Lord, and he told me that started studying the Bible on his own, and the Holy Spirit taught him to keep the Sabbath and the Feasts. He showed me pictures of his Passover, and we had a wonderful conversation full of joy. The reason that I'm telling you this is because once you start keeping the Sabbath and the Feasts of the Lord (I've done another study on the Feasts), you will be full of joy. You'll want to tell people about it. You'll want to tell people how awesome it is and how God has blessed you for keeping it! 1 John 5:2-3 says "By THIS we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and OBEY His commandments. For THIS is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome." They aren't burdensome. I've been keeping the Sabbath and the Feasts for several years, and I have seen God move in miraculous ways! I realized what I had been taught by the church isn't absolute truth. I have experienced the blessings that come from heaven when we obey. I've seen the blessings in my life when I started keeping the Sabbath, and many people see the blessings in their lives when they start keeping the Sabbath. I want you to partake of these blessings.

Many Christians aren't satisfied with what they are taught in church. They are questioning "is it the entire truth?" They're searching for something more. I believe the Sabbath, the Feasts of the Lord, and the

commandments are the way to have a deeper relationship with God, because obedience gives you a deeper relationship with Him. When some Christians question why their church doesn't keep the Sabbath since it's in the Bible, their pastors' response is usually, *"That's the old covenant. We don't have to keep that anymore."* Or they are told *"the Sabbath commandment is a ceremonial Law for the Jews. It doesn't apply to us."* This shows what a bad job seminaries are doing teaching the Word of God. Pastors don't know who they are in Yeshua, they don't know the covenants of the Bible, and most of them don't know what the New Covenant is. Christians who are questioning the Sabbath aren't getting the answers they need. The answers from their pastors don't come from the Bible. God says, *"Seek Me with ALL of your heart and you will find Me"* (Jeremiah 29:13). He also says, *"My people perish for lack of knowledge"* (Hosea 4:6). He doesn't say *"ask your pastor."* He tells US to seek Him. In Revelation 3:16, Yeshua (Jesus) tells the lukewarm church of Laodicea that He will spit (VOMIT) them out of His mouth. **I'm hoping that as you read this study, you will decide that being lukewarm isn't enough, and you'll seek Him with all of your heart and you will get the knowledge from the Source of knowledge, God.**

There is a revival, a breakout and raising up, of people in the Holy Spirit learning how to worship Him and Spirit and in truth. When revival happened in the Old Testament, the people read the Torah (commandments and the instructions of God), they repented of disobeying His Law, and they decided they would return and obey His commandments. In the outpouring of Acts 2, the disciples of Yeshua were keeping a Feast of the Lord, Shavuot, when the Holy Spirit fell with fire on their heads. They were keeping His commandment of observing the Feast of Shavuot. God wants us to obey His voice and His Word. Our flesh must surrender and die. We need contrite hearts, not hardened hearts, and we need to let go of pride and rebellion because God hates these things. He says in 1 Samuel 15:23 *"For rebellion is as the sin of divination (witchcraft), and presumption is as iniquity and idolatry."* God spoke through Samuel to Saul. God took Saul's kingship away because He broke part of God's commandment about what to do in the war, even though he did the other part. Why did God do this? He said, *"because you have rejected the word of the Lord."* If God's Word says we're supposed to keep the Sabbath, why we do think we don't have to keep it? Why do we think we can reject His Word? Because when we reject His Word, we reject Him.

**ALL OVER THE WORLD, HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS ARE SEEKING GOD, HEARING HIS CALL,
AND STEPPING INTO KEEPING GOD'S COMMANDMENTS**

There is a prophecy in the Torah about what will happen in the last days. Deuteronomy 30:1-10 says, *"And when all these things come upon you, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before you, and you call them to mind among all the nations where the Lord your God has driven you, and return to the Lord your God, you and your children, and obey his voice in all that I command you today, with all your heart and with all your soul, then the Lord your God will restore your fortunes and have mercy on you, and he will gather you again from all the peoples where the Lord your God has scattered you. If your outcasts are in the uttermost parts of heaven, from there the Lord your God will gather you, and from there he will take you. And the Lord your God will bring you into the land that your fathers possessed, that you may possess it. And he will make you more prosperous and numerous than your fathers. And the Lord your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your offspring, so that you will love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live. And the Lord your God will put all these curses on your foes and enemies who persecuted you. And you shall again obey the voice of the Lord and keep all his commandments that I command you today. The Lord your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all the work of your hand, in the fruit of your womb and in the fruit of your cattle and in the fruit of your ground. For the Lord will again take delight in prospering you, as he took delight in your fathers, when you obey the voice of the Lord your God, to keep His commandments and His statutes that are written in this Book of the Law, when you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. This is a promise of the New Covenant (Ezekiel 11, 36 Jeremiah 31-32 confirm this)!"*

There are scales on the church's eyes regarding the Sabbath. God's already determined the order of the week and the day of worship and rest (His pattern). Many have heard about the Sabbath, but are not aware that they're supposed to keep it. Paul had to be blinded to see. Scales fell from his eyes. We need to be guided by the Holy Spirit regarding the Word of God and what it says about the Sabbath, and not resist it just because it doesn't look like what we think it needs to look like, or because it's not what we've been taught.

The church has been wrongly handling the Word of Truth regarding the Sabbath and God's Law for thousands of years. This is why every wind of doctrine has come into the church. There are so many doctrines in the church that aren't approved by God. They are demonic doctrines taught in the church today:

- **Hyper-grace:** *"God's not a God of wrath and judgment anymore. I can stay in sin and God will continue to give me His grace. His grace will never run out."*

- **Cessationism:** *“God doesn’t move like that anymore. He’s not compassionate anymore. He doesn’t deliver and heal anymore. The gifts of the Holy Spirit are not for today. Apostles (disciples) are not for today”*
- **Dispensationalism:** *“God’s Law doesn’t apply right now. It applied in the Old Testament and when Yeshua was here, but it doesn’t apply right now, even though it will apply in the Millennial Kingdom.”*
- **Homosexuality is Ok.** *“I’m accepted no matter what. I am saved no matter what. I can be ordained even if I live this lifestyle of homosexuality.”* This is contrary to the Word of God. Salvation is only to those who believe, accept, and follow Yeshua (Jesus). The gospel transforms, and if you aren’t transformed, then you don’t have the Holy Spirit, you haven’t been born again. Born again means you have a new life, and you don’t want the life of sin anymore. If you know Him, you can’t continue in sin according to 1 John 3. The Holy Spirit allows us to understand sin and turn from it and back to God and His ways.

I believe the reason these demonic doctrines have been allowed in the church is because we haven’t been seeking first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and because we have been disobeying God’s commandments. If we allow one demonic doctrine in (i.e. Sunday as a replacement for the Sabbath), we’re going to allow more demonic doctrines in. **We haven’t agreed with God’s standards.** He wants to be worshipped in His order, not ours.

We’ve been used to pastors feeding us, but there’s a potential problem if we’re only relying on pastors: we can be fed poison or manna from heaven. We should not accept doctrine that’s taught to be true just because someone teaches it. We have to study diligently and let the Holy Spirit teach us. I believed the lie about Sunday for years. We can choose to believe the Holy Spirit, or we can believe another spirit. We only have two choices. **We’re told to test everything. So we’re going to test the spirits about the Sabbath and Sunday.** This study will show what the Bible actually says about the Sabbath. **There is an entire world of facts about the Sabbath in the Bible. IT’S ALL OVER THE BIBLE!** In this study we’re going to go deep into Scripture to determine **what IT says about the Sabbath. That’s the only thing that matters. ANYTHING THAT IS NOT WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS IS FALSE DOCTRINE.** I will mainly use the ESV when I reference Scripture, but I will list other versions if I use them as well. I will use the name *“Yeshua”* instead of Jesus. Yeshua is the Hebrew name of Jesus. His Hebrew name has meaning. It means *“Yah’s (God’s) salvation”* or *“salvation.”*

WE NEED TO KNOW WHAT THE AUTHENTIC SABBATH IS.

A person who counterfeits currency becomes an expert at what the real currency looks like. He holds it to the light. HE wants to counterfeit a currency to make it look as much like the original as possible, but something is always missed or different. The expert uses light to expose what the authentic look like, and then the counterfeit can be determined. **The scriptures are the light and will expose the counterfeit. When the Sabbath is put to the test, it passes EVERY TIME.** I want you to look deeper, know the Sabbath, guard it, keep it, and receive God’s blessings. The Sabbath is one of the Bible’s greatest truths.

There is absolute truth and there’s a counterfeit. The enemy has been devising counterfeits for 6,000 years. **Jeremiah 6:16-17** *“This is what the Lord says ‘Stand at the crossroads and look. Ask for the ancient paths: “Where is the good way?” Then walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls.’ But they said, ‘We will not walk in it!’”* Many people are returning to the ancient paths, the Sabbath, the Feasts of the Lord, and the commandments. The Sabbath, the Feasts, and commandments were given by God as gifts, celebrations. **Will you walk in the ancients way, the good way, the true way? Will you choose to follow Yeshua or will you follow your own way?**

**GOD HAS A PATTERN FOR WORSHIP AND FOR OUR LIVES, HIS LAW.
THE ENEMY DOES NOT WANT YOU TO KNOW THE
AUTHENTIC SABBATH (PATTERN) OR THE BLESSINGS YOU WILL RECEIVE BY KEEPING IT.
HE HAS COUNTERFEITED SUNDAY FOR THE SABBATH.**

LET’S IDENTIFY SOME PROBLEMS IN TODAY’S CHURCH:

(1) **Many Sunday church-going Christians don’t know what the Sabbath is.** If they do, they have probably been taught one of three things: (1) **the Sabbath is for the Jews.** It’s a ceremonial Law that Gentiles don’t have to keep, (2) **the Sabbath was changed to Sunday because of the resurrection.** Yeshua nailed the Law to the cross and we don’t have to do it anymore, or (3) **the Sabbath is Sunday.** Pastors and teachers may not be deceiving people with malicious or willful intent, but they are teaching the Bible incorrectly. We are just like the Israelites. They abandoned God and His Law because their parent’s didn’t teach them as God commanded, and we have done the same thing. **But we ALL have an individual responsibility to study His Word and obey Him, not listen to men without studying His Word and testing what they say.** Some pastors and teachers don’t study or teach the Sabbath because they don’t want to change out of pride. They don’t

even want to talk about the Sabbath. If people question them about it, they can't give a Biblical answer. Others teach it incorrectly. **They like the traditions they've been following. They are comfortable. Change is so hard for those set in their ways. But this is stubbornness, and it's rejecting the Law of the King. They are just like the Pharisees.** They want religion, power, control and their doctrines above God's Word. **And just like the Israelites, they think God is ok with this, that He's not going to bring chastisement. They think they're secure.** But God says, *"I search the heart: I test inner motivations, in order to give to everyone what his actions and conduct deserve"* **Jeremiah 17:10.** If you break the Law, what does your conduct deserve? He sees all of our ways.

In **Jeremiah 18:9-12**, God warned the people about their stubbornness, *"And if at any time I declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, and if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will relent of the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: 'Thus says the Lord, Behold, I am shaping disaster against you and devising a plan against you. Return, every one from his evil way, and amend your ways and your deeds. But they say, 'That is in vain! We will follow our own plans, and will every one act according to the stubbornness of his evil heart.'"* **What was the problem? Disobedience.** Their hearts had deceived them. They were prideful. They had broken God's Torah, and they were trying to pretend that it wasn't lost from them. **They didn't pay attention to God's Word.** God pointed out to Jeremiah that He had NOT sent the false prophets and false shepherds or placed them in those positions. They were speaking words, but not God's words. We have to be willing to admit that this is happening today as well.

- (2) **People would rather be in the world than the church.** Church attendance is dramatically decreasing. According to churchtrac, **20%** of Americans attend church weekly, down from 32% in 2000. 57% of Americans attend infrequently or never. Regular church attendance has steadily declined. I believe this is because we've not set ourselves apart, and people want life-changing truth. **They want to see people obeying the truth, being peculiar. They want to see Christians living different lives (holy, righteous) than the people in the world. But sadly, this is not the case. What they see many times is hypocrisy.** We have many worldly Christians in the world today and especially in the United States. It was the same with our ancestors. Israel was called to be completely separate, but they took on the ways of the pagans. We've taken on the ways of the pagans also.

In **2 Corinthians 6:14**, Paul says *"Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness? What accord has Christ with Belial? Or what portion does a believer share with an unbeliever? What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God."* We are NOT to be friends with the world, but most believers are. It's hard to know who's a believer and who's not sometimes. **The church taken away from God's commandments by worshipping on Sunday and it's not keeping the one day God set apart to be holy. Sunday is not the Sabbath. There is only ONE SABBATH. Without doing things God's way, we're not set apart.**

**WE HAVEN'T BEEN WILLING TO EMBRACE ALL OF GOD'S WORD/COUNSEL.
WE'VE EMBRACED THE PARTS WE WANT TO AND NEGLECTED THE PARTS WE DON'T WANT TO DO.**

- (3) **Much of the church has been drinking spiritual milk, and many people prefer it because it's easy.** According to Reachrightstudios.com, *"About 25% of Christian adults believe the Bible is the actual word of God, 58% believe it's the inspired word of God, and 16% believe it's a book of fables."* **This statistic is mind-blowing. Only 25% of Christians believe the Bible is the actual Word of God?** Christians engaging with the scripture was down 21% in 2022 according to Americanbible.org. Even people who study the Bible decreased their overall Scripture engagement. This should be the opposite. There have been disasters in the world, Covid, the establishment of sexuality and gender rights movements (even in the church!), etc. We should be seeing that the end of time is drawing near. **Most Christians aren't diligent in seeking Him in His Word (the facts are above).** The Lord spoke a prophecy in **Amos 8:11** about this: Look! The days are coming," declares the Lord God, when I will send a famine throughout the land—not a famine of food or a thirst for water—but rather a famine of hearing the words of the Lord." We are in a famine. Most Christians have lost their hunger for God's Word.

We could be living like they were living in the Book of Acts, walking in the power of the Holy Spirit. Are we like the disciples? They kept the Sabbath and the Feasts. They agreed with God's standards and did what was righteous. This isn't easy to face. As we eat the meat of God's Word as mature believers, we are satisfied. People who want meat are hungry for God's Word.

2 Timothy 2:15 (ESV) says *“Do your best (Be diligent) to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.”* The KJV says *“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”* Ephesians 4: 14-16 says *“so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.”* The Greek word for “accurately handling” in **2 Timothy 2:15** is “*orthotomeo*” which means *“to cut straight, to cut straight ways, to proceed on straight paths, hold a straight course, do right, to make straight and smooth, to handle alright, to teach the truth directly and correctly.”* **We have to grow up in EVERY WAY—when children are small, sometimes we don’t see rebellion as a big deal. But, when they begin to grow up, if they’re rebellious, it’s very evident, and it’s a problem. God is giving us mercy to grow up in His Word. Because we aren’t studying the Word of truth diligently, we don’t know how to handle it.**

It’s very sad to see people who have been sitting in church pews for 30 or 40 years who have never preached the gospel or taught God’s Word, never shared their testimony, never evangelized, gone on a mission trip, or started a ministry. The church has become lazy and most believers are asleep, wanting pastors to “feed” them rather than studying diligently to show themselves approved. And I want to make a distinction here. Serving in the church is one thing, but we’re called to serve outside of the church. We’re called to go into the world. That doesn’t always happen if we’re staying safe within the four walls of the church. We’re supposed to be “doers” of the Word, not hearers only. We need to be willing to be uncomfortable for the gospel.

If we’re not grounded in the Word, we’re going to be tossed to and fro in the waves, and we’re going to be carried about by every wind of doctrine (including Sunday), and the deceitful schemes of Satan. 2 Timothy 4:3-4 says, *“For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths.”* **The whole Bible is relevant today. We need to be able to recognize when things that we believe disagree with God’s Word. We should want to know the truth. I’ve written this study because I care about people and I want them to know the truth. I want you to hear the Word of God. I want you to know that Sunday is a myth.**

THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE THAT HAVE NO EXCUSE WHY THEY HAVEN’T SATURATED THEMSELVES IN THE WORD.

THEY SHOULD BE EATING SOLID FOOD, STUDYING GOD’S WORD DILIGENTLY AND TEACHING OTHERS.

- (4) **Man-made traditions are taught in seminaries. Seminaries themselves are a man-made tradition. This is not a Biblical way to prepare for the ministry. It’s a man-made tradition. What have these seminaries done for truth, for the promotion of God’s Word? Seminaries produce most of the false doctrines in the church today. Satan deceives many people in seminaries, and theologians are the primary instructors. Just because someone is a theologian doesn’t mean they know Scripture. It just means they have a title.** They’ve developed their own theologies, and they teach them to the students, which produces pastors and leaders who don’t know God’s Word. They are shepherding those who will become church pastors and leaders. If pastors would’ve spent those years they invested in seminary studying the Bible individually and allowing the Holy Spirit to teach them, they would be more equipped for the ministry of teaching the gospel than they are by going to seminary. The seminaries do teach good things about leadership, but the Word isn’t taught deeply enough to enable a pastor to teach the truth.

When Paul gives the requirements for a pastor, he NEVER says they have to attend seminary. This is NOT a Biblical requirement of a disciple, pastor, or leader. One of the requirements Paul lists in **1 Timothy 3:1-7** is that a man must know how to manage his household and have his children under his control with all dignity. If one doesn’t know how to manage his household, he won’t be able to manage God’s church. The leader has to know discipline and obedience of rules/laws. **I wonder what would happen if we started qualifying pastors with Paul’s qualifications rather than their seminary degree. I believe things would be much different.**

God rebuked false prophets and shepherds in Jeremiah 23:17. They were telling the people that they would be safe and secure in their sin, but God was saying He was getting ready to pour out His judgement and punishment on them for breaking His Torah (Law). He said **they were living by their own stubborn hearts.** He said that they were not present at His council, **they had not seen or heard His Word, and they had not paid attention to His Word.** In **verse 22**, He said if they were, they should let the people hear His words, and *“turn them from their evil way and the evil of their actions.”* In **verse 28**, He says, *“But someone who has My*

Word should speak My Word faithfully." We are seeing Him beginning to rebuke false prophets, teachers and ministries today. Most pastors are not speaking His Word faithfully because they haven't learned from teachers who teach the entire council of Scripture, and they aren't studying diligently, keeping God's Law/Torah, following Yeshua or encouraging people to repent of breaking God's Law. They have developed a concept of following Yeshua that doesn't align with Scripture.

All disciples are required to "teach the gospel to all nations," not go to seminary. Yeshua didn't require a degree. He chose 12 disciples, most of them uneducated by human standards, but studied in the Scripture. They are the ones who recognized Him. This should tell us how they studied. They are the ones that took the gospel to the nations, and we're required to do the same. We should understand what the Bible teaches and do that rather than the ways of man.

- (5) **Today pastors and leaders give attention to parts of God's Word, but other parts they won't study, they won't hear, they don't do, and they don't preach.** I've heard pastors skip over parts of verses they didn't want to preach on because if they did, their theology would go out the window and be exposed. They don't learn the full counsel of Scripture and they don't teach it. Some lack understanding of Scripture, so they don't preach on books of the Bible or topics they don't know about. **They preach many things in error because they don't understand prophecy, the New Covenant, our identity in Yeshua, the Millennial Kingdom, heaven and hell and many other things. If you can't make the Bible agree with your theology, your theology is wrong.** God is separating the wheat from the tares, and the tares He will remove. He says that judgement begins at His house.
- (6) **The gospel being taught today says that God is the only one with responsibility in a covenant relationship.** They teach that the New Covenant eliminated our responsibility to obey, but that's not true. Both parties have covenant responsibility, and our responsibility is to obey Him. **That is the New Covenant, that He will write His Law/Torah on our minds and in our hearts (Jeremiah 31:30-34) and He will put the Holy Spirit in us to CAUSE us to obey His statutes/Torah (Ezekiel 11:19-20, 36:22-32).** If you believe God's statutes have changed, then you have to believe God changed, and that He has abolished one of His eternal covenants. But He says He never changes (**Malachi 3:6**) and His Word never changes (**Psalms 119:89**) and His Word doesn't return to Him void (**Isaiah 55:11**). The Pharisees were rebuked by Yeshua. In **Mark 7:6-9** (and **Matthew 15**) Yeshua told the Pharisees *"This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men. You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men."* And He said to them, *"You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition!"* Even though the context of this had to do with handwashing, the circumstances today are similar. The Pharisees had put their own laws on top of God's Law and **they were teaching the commandments of men.** Yeshua rebuked them for the way they wanted people to keep the Sabbath too. They had added hundreds of commandments about the Sabbath to God's Law. He said in **Deuteronomy 4:2**, *"Do not add to what I command you and do not subtract from it, but keep the commands of the Lord your God that I give you."* They added to the commandments. The church today worships on Sunday but does not keep the Sabbath holy, which is taking away from the commandments and adding something different to His commandments.
- (7) **Another problem in the church is that we don't have many watchman. Christians are fearful of disagreeing with the doctrines pastors teach.** However, I read about what Yeshua (Jesus) did and what Paul did. **They both called out false doctrines. Paul said, "imitate me as I imitate Christ."** I hope that I imitate them. **God gets glory by our obedience. Hebrews 4:12** says *"For the Word of God is alive and active, sharper than any two-edged sword. It penetrates even dividing soul and spirit, joints, and marrow. It judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart."* We shouldn't fear that speaking truth will make us look weird or that our lives will somehow be disrupted. We're supposed to be a peculiar people. **A watchman is a steward of the community who is responsible for warning the community of false spiritual doctrines and false teachers. We should be watchman who call out false doctrines and teachers just like Yeshua and Paul.**

Just like the sticker says, **"THEOLOGY MATTERS."** Paul corrected the assemblies when they're theology got off track, and they accepted his correction. His theology was Yeshua's theology, and the Father's theology. He resolved problems in the early church. **Today's church has so many problems, because most people aren't willing to be bold like Paul and tell the church the problems that it has.** The problems in the modern church are so big, sometimes you would think it's not fixable. **We don't resolve the problems in the church with apathy or passivism. This is laziness. We resolve them by talking about them. By getting together and studying the Word of God, by testing the scriptures like the Bereans.** The God we serve is an awesome God, and He wants to correct and fix His church, but He wants yielded people. He wants us to allow the Holy Spirit to teach us! This means we have to be yielded to His will. He doesn't want prideful shepherds or sheep. He wants humble ones.

He also wants watchman on the wall. We're supposed to stay alert to the threats of our faith communities and warn people about the dangers. We're supposed to be like Paul, delivering messages about things that are going on in the church that will result in spiritual peril. Paul loved the people, and it showed in his zeal. We're supposed to be like the disciples who warned against false teachers and called them out. He even handed two false teachers over to Satan. We've been deceived by the enemy that we have to be quiet and just tolerate everything that goes on in the church. **We're supposed to give the message and obey God without worrying about how it is received! And if pastors are teaching false doctrines, we should correct them and/or remove them. It's our responsibility to make sure the body does not have any leaven.**

WHAT DOES GOD WANT? God said He wants obedience. God said *"Has the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen than the fat of rams" 1 Samuel 15:22. We obey because we love Him and want to please him. If we examine God's word, study it, and inspect it, we will see what God's Word says about any doctrine. We can test it. Yeshua tells us that we'll be hated for His names' sake IF we follow Him. Keeping the Sabbath is part of following Him.*

Yeshua is our STANDARD. He kept the Law/Torah perfectly. He did the Father's will. He kept the Sabbath. Yeshua said He didn't come to abolish the Law. The word "abolish" is the Greek word is "Kataloo." It means "dissolve, disunite, overthrow, bring to naught, demolish, haul, throw down." Most church goers today believe the 10 commandments have been disunited, meaning some have been upheld and others have been abolished, that we have to keep some of the commandments, but not all. For anyone to say that that we don't have to keep the Law means they believe that Yeshua halted, demolished, dissolved, overthrew, disunited it. **But this is not what Yeshua said. We need to believe what He said.** The church doesn't believe the Word of God. They believe that we're supposed to keep 9 of the commandments, but not the 4th. **This means they believe that Yeshua lied.** However, God NEVER tells us to do anything other than obey Him and keep His Law. Yeshua said He came to fulfill the Law. In fact, Yeshua ups the ante on the Law. **He shows us what it means to fulfill it.** He goes into a discussion about murder, adultery, divorce, oaths, retaliation, loving your neighbor. He teaches them what it means to make the Law full, complete. I want you to notice something: He's teaching about not just the 10 commandments, but **the Torah, all of the instructions of God.**

- Yeshua said: *"I have kept my Father's commandments"* John 15:10. Yeshua kept the commandments, and he told us to keep the commandments.H
- *"If you love Me, you will keep My commandments"* John 14:15.
- *"He who has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves Me"* John 14:21.
- John said: *"Any by this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments"* 1 John 2:3.
- *"By **THIS** we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and observe His commandments. For **THIS** is the love of God, that we KEEP His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome"* 1 John 5:2-3.
- *"And this is love that we **walk according to His commandments. This is the commandment, just as you have heard from the BEGINNING**, that you should walk in it"* 2 John 1:6. John is saying that the commandments they heard from the beginning were God's commandments, and in which they should walk. **THIS IS AFTER Yeshua's ASCENSION!**

How do we know whether or not we love God? IF we keep His commandments according to 1 John 5:3. He said in **Matthew 5:48**, *"Be perfect, and your heavenly Father is perfect."* God said in **Leviticus 19:2**, *"Be holy, for I am holy."* This is repeated in **1 Peter 1:16**. In **Leviticus 20:26**, God says *"You shall be holy to Me."* In **Exodus 19:6**, He says, *"You shall be to Me a kingdom of priests, a holy nation."* **Yeshua died so we could be holy, but we can choose whether or not to live that way.**

Let me ask you some questions: Can you be holy if you don't keep the Sabbath, the day God sanctified and made holy? Can you be holy if you break God's Law? Can you keep another day that is NOT holy and still be holy? Can you decide what's holy? **The answer to all of these questions is: No. God is holy, and He alone decides what is holy.** I realize this may offend you, but it should. Holiness is defined by His definition, not mine or yours.

Here are some more questions: Do you believe God is the only God? Do you believe He is the Lord your God? Do you believe we're not supposed to have any other gods before Him? Do you believe we're not supposed to make carved images and worship them? Do you believe we're not supposed to take the Lord's name in vain? Do you believe we're supposed to honor our father and mother, not murder, not commit adultery, not steal, not bear false witness against our neighbor, or covet? **If you answered "yes" to these questions, then you should also say "yes" when I ask you if we're supposed to keep the Sabbath. Keeping the Sabbath is honoring our Father in heaven. He says this is the way we show we're in covenant relationship with Him (Exodus 31:13, Ezekiel 20:12).**

HOW SERIOUS DO WE THINK GOD IS ABOUT THE SABBATH? The Word will show us that He's extremely serious. He wants us to obey His commandments, which He gave us in love to protect us, to give us life and blessings. In Jeremiah 16, God tells Jeremiah that He's going to destroy the people. He told Jeremiah to tell the people everything He had said and when they asked "*Why has God decreed all this terrible disaster against us? What is our iniquity, what is our sin that we have committed against God?*," Jeremiah was to say, "*It is because your ancestors abandoned me and did not keep my Torah.*" What is the Torah? It's God instructions. It's His Law/instructions, statutes, right rulings, and judgments found in Genesis-Deuteronomy. The Torah is the instructions of God. In **Jeremiah 17:17-27**, God tells us the value He puts on the Sabbath. He said "***IF you value your lives, don't carry anything on Shabbat or bring it in through the gates of Jerusalem. Don't carry anything out of your houses on Shabbat; and don't do any work. Instead make Shabbat a holy day. I ordered your ancestors to do this, but they neither listened nor paid attention; rather, they stiffened their necks, so that they wouldn't have to hear or receive instruction. However, if you will pay careful heed to Me and carry nothing through the gates of this city on Shabbat, but instead make Shabbat a day which is holy an not for doing work, then kings and princes occupying the throne of David will enter through the gates of this city, riding in chariots and on horses.....but if you will not obey Me and make Shabbat a holy day and not carry loads through the gates of Jerusalem on Shabbat, then I will set its gates on fire; it will burn up the palaces of Jerusalem and not be quenched.***" We see that there was a problem with Israel before Jeremiah. They didn't keep God's Sabbath day. **Breaking the Sabbath was/is a violation of one of the 10 commandments.**

In **Jeremiah 25**, God is tells the people to turn back from their evil way, that they would live in the land if they would surrender to Him and obey His Torah. **2 Chronicles 36** tells us what they had done. **The kingdom of Judah had broken the commandment about the land Sabbaths. There was to be rest on the 7th year for the land.** They were not supposed to plant anything on the land. The land was supposed to rest, they were supposed to trust God. He is the provider and the Creator, and the Sabbath reminds us of that. God loves the earth and the soil, and He wanted it to rest also. But the people didn't trust. They planted their crops in disobedience and violation of His commandment, the Torah. God's Word says "*to fulfill the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed its Sabbaths. All the days that it lay desolate it kept Sabbath, to fulfill seventy years.*" For 70 years, the kingdom of Judah didn't obey the commandment about the land Sabbath so they were exiled to Babylon for 490 years. **I think God is VERY SERIOUS about the Sabbath!**

Paul talks about Israel's disobedience in Romans 11. In verses 20-22 he gives us a stern warning: "*They were broken off because of their unbelief, but you stand fast through faith. So do not become proud, but fear. For if God did not spare the natural branches, neither will he spare you. Note then the kindness and the severity of God: severity toward those who have fallen, but God's kindness to you, provided you continue in his kindness. Otherwise you too will be cut off.*" What was the unbelief that Paul was talking about? They didn't believe what God told them about His Torah in **Deuteronomy 27-28**. He told them if they kept His Torah, He would bless them and give them abundant life. And He told them if they didn't, He would curse them, exile them, and it would ultimately result in death. **As we see in Jeremiah above, this is what happened. Why did it happen? Because they didn't keep the commandment to give the land its Sabbath rest! Do you still think God doesn't care about the Sabbath?** Israel did not believe God, so they were broken off from the vine (Yeshua). Paul tells the Gentiles who've come to faith not to be proud, but fear God. **He talks about two natures of God: kindness and severity. He's warning them that if they disobey, God will bring severe punishment and cut them off. James 2:10 says, "whoever breaks one commandment is guilty of breaking them all."**

As priests of God we're supposed to divide the holy from the common and defiled. The Sabbath is holy and every other day is common. You may say "*Well, it's about the heart.*" That's not what the Bible says. **Actually the Bible says the opposite. We can't look at our hearts. Jeremiah says, "the heart is deceitful (wicked) above all things."** **1 Corinthians 10:11** tells us what Israel did. "*Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come.*" Are you studying what Israel did with God's covenant that He made with them on Mt. Sinai? Are you learning God's instruction? Are you learning from their instruction? Are you studying and teaching God's entire Word? You can't trust your heart. **You've got to do it His way.**

We need discernment. God's laws are pure and holy, and we must live pure, holy lives. **This requires ACTION on our part. Action is keeping the commandments of God. This is following Yeshua!** We follow Him who kept the Law perfectly. If we're not keeping His commandments, we're not living pure, holy lives. Sin is the transgression of the Law. It's defined that way in the New Testament. It's never changed. If the Law had been done away with, the definition of sin would've changed. **1 John 3:4 says that the definition of sin is breaking the commandments, transgression of the Law, lawlessness. This means you can't say one commandment is thrown out. That would make you a commandment breaker, lawless. We can't transgress the commandment about the Sabbath because it's part of the Law. We must follow what God commands.**

Deuteronomy 12:32 says, "*Everything that I command you, you shall be careful to do. You shall not add to it or take from it.*" **Proverbs 30:5-6** says, "*Every word of God proves true... Do not add to his words, lest He rebuke you and you be found a liar.*" **2 Corinthians 13:1** says, "*Every charge must be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses.*" The principle of 2-3 witnesses to punish someone for transgressing the covenant is in God's Torah in Deuteronomy 17, 19 and Numbers 35. If you disobey God's Law, you are violating or breaking the covenant. **This study will show that Sunday as a day of worship is a tradition of men. There are no witnesses in Scripture to Sunday worship.**

SECTION 2: THE STRATEGY OF THE ENEMY

If we read what happened in **the Garden of Eden**, we see the enemy's strategy was to get Adam and Eve to sin, to break one of God's commandments. God gave them a **commandment**—"*Don't eat of the tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil.*" They were permitted to eat from all but one tree.

What was the enemy's strategy?

- 1) First, the enemy questioned what God said. He did this to produce doubt.
- 2) Second, He did not quote God's Word properly. He said, "*Did God actually say you should not eat of any tree in the garden?*" This is the opposite of what God said. He said they couldn't eat the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. The serpent did this to confuse her. Eve was confused because she said that God told them they couldn't even touch the tree. But God commanded them not to eat it.
- 3) Third, he said that what God said wasn't true. He lied. He accused God of being a liar and convinced Eve that what he said was true.
- 4) Fourth, he said they wouldn't die, even though God told them that they would. God knew that eating of this tree was SIN because it was breaking a commandment. Sin is defined today the same way. The Bible tells us that "*the wages of sin is death.*" That is, was and will be. This is God's character. He is holy and His people must be holy. The way we are holy is by obeying His commandments. This makes us like Him in our character.
- 5) Fifth, he said that God didn't want them to eat of the tree because He knew their eyes would be opened. He told another lie. He wanted them to believe that God was preventing them from something rather than seeing God's commandment as His protection. He did this to make her doubt God's character. It was at this point that she ate.

He uses the same strategies today. Satan attacked God's character. He told lies about God. He was saying that God wasn't good. He attacked God's commandment. He attacked God's Word. He lied about what God said and the results of sin. They eventually disobeyed His commandment. He counterfeited God's Word, and this is what he's been doing for 6,000 years. He has counterfeited the Sabbath too, with Sunday worship, trying to get people to break God's commandments. Sunday is a counterfeit for the Sabbath and if you believe Sunday worship is a command of God, you have been deceived by the enemy. You've been confused, doubting God and His Word, and you are convinced that what the enemy says is true. You have believed the lie that sin is NOT breaking the commandment of God. You have believed the lie that the Sabbath doesn't apply to you. You don't see God's commandments as His protection. You don't understand God's character. We don't eat of the fruit of the enemy. We eat of the tree of life, Yeshua, not the tree of knowledge. We don't do good and evil. We do good. Good is keeping the commandments of God.

What was the result of sin?

- 1) Separation from God
- 2) Guilt and shame. Adam and Eve were naked before they sinned (Genesis 2:25) and they were not ashamed. After they sinned, the glory on their bodies left and they knew they were naked. Sin exposes our entire beings to God and ourselves. This brings guilt and shame.
- 3) The 1st thing Adam did was blame Eve. He didn't take responsibility for his own actions.
- 4) Eve blamed the serpent. She said he deceived her. She didn't take responsibility for her actions.

Today, Christians don't realize that they are separated from God. They don't realize that breaking the Sabbath commandment separates them from God's blessings. They think they have God's blessing and to a degree they do, but they don't understand the blessings that come from keeping the Sabbath, the Feasts and the commandments. Most of us, when we find out we've believed the enemy instead of God, we feel guilt and shame. But God gives us grace and mercy. He wants us to know His ways. If we repent and turn from breaking the Sabbath commandment, "*He is merciful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness*" **1 John 1:9**. Each one of us will have to stand before Yeshua and have to give account for our responsibility in covenant relationship with God. We won't be able to blame anyone else. You won't be able to blame your pastor, your husband or wife, or anyone else. He will ask you if you studied diligently. Many people will be ashamed because they will be separated from Yeshua when He tells them "*I never knew you. Depart from Me, workers of lawlessness*" **Matthew 7:23**. They won't be able to tell Him, "*I didn't know*" or "*I thought I was worshipping You on Sunday.*" But He told us we must worship God the Father in "*spirit and truth*" (John 4:24). Sunday isn't truth. It's a counterfeit because worshipping God on Sunday is not what He commanded. Yeshua can't be the center of our lives if we aren't being obedient to the commandments. He was obedient to the Father and He said, "*Follow Me.*"

Today, we need to know that disobeying God will result in death unless we repent and TURN from sin (breaking the commandments). This is the whole point of the gospel—Yeshua came so we could be redeemed

FROM sin, not continue sinning! Breaking the commandments is sin. The enemy has perpetrated many lies. We will look at those in Section .

THE CONSEQUENCES OF DISOBEYING GOD. And just as there were consequences for Adam and Eve's sin, there are consequences today. The serpent divided Adam and Eve, and he has divided the church today over the issue of the Sabbath. The church isn't unified. Satan was cunning. Satan has been attacking God's Word and His character for thousands of years. Eve had a misconception about His commandment because she was confused by listening to the enemy, **and the church is confused about the Sabbath because it has been listening to the enemy.** Satan wants us to have an unpleasant view or opinion of God, His Word, His Law, and Yeshua (Messiah). He wants us to think in error, without understanding. **He wants us to take away from and add to God's Word.** He doesn't want us to study God's Word. He is going to bring every distraction he can to keep you from studying the Word and God. He will bring every false doctrine and theology to get you to believe lies and remain ignorant of the scriptures, because this will lead you to disobedience.

There were also consequences of the children of Israel who did not obey God's commandments. They didn't get to go into the promised land. This is a foreshadowing of who will go into the promised land of the Millennial Kingdom. Yeshua teaches us this in the New Testament. **God designed the Sabbath for our rest.** He know man would sin and would have to toil the earth for his food. **He wanted us to rest because He loves us. He wanted us to have a day of rest, fellowship and worship so we would be renewed.** The Sabbath is the 7th prophetic day on God's calendar pointing us to the Millennial Kingdom (the Millennial Sabbath) where we will rest. The design of Sunday as a day of rest or corporate worship is a design of Satan to send you to the lake of fire with the devil.

Three times in revelation it identifies the remnant and the saints:

- 1) **Revelation 12:17** says *"Then the dragon became furious with the woman and went off to make war on the rest of **her offspring**, on **those who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus.**"*
- 2) **Revelation 14:12** says *"Here is a call for the endurance of **the saints, those who keep the commandments of God and their faith in Jesus.**"*
- 3) **Revelation 22:14** says *"**Blessed are those who do His commandments**, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city. Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and **everyone who loves and practices falsehood.**"*

Revelation confirms there are 2 requirements to be a remnant/saint: (1) keep the commandments of God, (2) have the faith/testimony of Yeshua. I find it interesting that this is the same order that it is presented in the Bible. God gave Israel His commandments first and then He sent His Son Yeshua to save us and to seal the New Covenant because Israel disobeyed His commandments and broke the covenant with God. They were not His people. The New Covenant is that God will write His Law on our minds and in our hearts and put one new Spirit (the Holy Spirit) within us **to CAUSE us to obey the statutes of God (Ezekiel 11:16-20, 36:22-32, Jeremiah 31:31-34).** We will be judged on what we have done, whether or not we have broken God's Laws. He will not allow lawless people into His Kingdom. If we love and practice falsehood (a false day of rest, worship, Sunday), we will be outside the Kingdom. **I've written this study not to offend you, but because I love you and I want EVERYONE to be INSIDE the Kingdom.**

Scripture tells us that we must keep the commandments of God and believe in Yeshua as the Messiah **IF we want to be in the Millennial Kingdom.** We have to **FOLLOW Yeshua.** He said He didn't come to do His own will, but He came to do His Father's will. And sometimes it's difficult for some people to embrace that to be in covenant relationship with God, we have to **KEEP** the covenant. Because the church doesn't teach the New Covenant, we don't understand what covenant relationship is, and we don't know it's conditional. The 10 commandments are called the "*asaret ha'davarim*" in Hebrew which means "*the 10 words*" or "*the ten declarations*". They are God's Word and they were given as an eternal covenant to Israel, to obey. **We receive the blessings and rewards IF we do what the covenant requires: keep the commandments. Just as God told Israel. Paul tells us we are Israel, so if we break the commandments, we've broken our covenant relationship with God.** Yeshua came to restore our relationship to God because *"all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God"* (Romans 3:23).

**GOD DIDN'T CHANGE HIS HOLY SABBATH.
THE DISCIPLES DIDN'T CHANGE IT.
YESHUA DIDN'T CHANGE IT.
WILL WE BEND OUR WILL TO GOD AND HIS COMMANDMENTS?**

A coach once said, *"an excuse is a well-planned lie."* This has stuck with me. If we're making excuses about why we aren't keeping the commandments, we're lying to ourselves. This is the time the Lord wants to deliver this message to the church. This is a heavy word, but God is giving us specific instructions. There's been a

tremendous amount of warfare as I've done this study. Satan is terribly upset. He doesn't want this study to be read or studied, because he knows his lies are being exposed. **There's a promise to those who keep God's commandments. We will share in the tree of life in the Holy City.**

I pray that this study will have impact and value for His Kingdom, that the nations will be impacted. I pray that the Holy Spirit will bring conviction and revelation, wisdom, and the fear of the Lord. I pray for the one new man. I pray the truth will be implanted in your heart. I will fight and contend and stand for what the Lord says. He confirms it in His Word. I hope this study will change your heart about the Sabbath, and the God will write His laws on your mind and in your heart. **Please let this study divide your soul and spirit, judge the thoughts and attitudes of your heart. I would encourage you to ask the Holy Spirit about your thoughts and attitudes about the Sabbath, a commandment of the God you serve. Struggle with it. Let the Holy Spirit convict you.** Let His still, small voice speak to your spirit, even if it doesn't fit your mold. Pray that if there is a veil on your eyes, God will remove it. Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you. Humble yourself, and fear the Lord (not men), because *"the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom"* (Psalm 111:10).

*"Father, illuminate the eyes of their understanding. Give them discernment, and show them the beautiful truths about Your commandments, Your order, and Your Sabbath. Tear down and pull apart the doctrines they've been taught or believed about the Sabbath. Help them to believe Your doctrine instead of the doctrines of men. **Reveal the missing link in unifying Your body in Your Law and Your Messiah.**"*

**THIS STUDY IS A CALL TO ACTION FOR US TO OBEY GOD AND HIS COMMANDMENTS.
IT IS A CALL TO ADHERE TO THE FULLNESS OF THE SCRIPTURES.**

**LIGHT OVERCOMES THE DARKNESS, AND I PRAY THAT THIS STUDY WILL BE LIGHT TO YOU.
ARE YOU WILLING TO CHANGE THROUGH SCRIPTURE?**

SECTION 3: THE FOUNDATION, AUTHORITY AND TESTING THE SCRIPTURES

The foundation of any building has to be square. So we must understand the foundation of God's Word and know how to test it. We do this by opening our minds and hearts up to God's Word, putting aside our pre-assumptions or doctrines we have believed, evaluating the scriptures honestly, committing to rightly dividing the truth, and asking for spiritual discernment. **We need to test whether keeping Sunday holy or any other day aligns with the Word of God. We have to judge everything by the Word of God. We need to put away everything except what God says in Scripture. This will allow us to come out of false teachings.** We are supposed to *"lean not on our own understanding, but in all our ways acknowledge Him and He will direct our paths"* Proverbs 3:6. So, the first thing we're going to do is build a foundation.

The foundation of the Word of God is His instructions (Torah). The Torah is a gift from God to His people. It isn't for the Jews (there were no Jews when God gave Israel His commandments). It's for Israel and the Gentiles. **We're grafted into Israel.** The back of the Bible must agree with the front of the Bible because it's the WORD of GOD, not just words. The Sabbath is mentioned in the Old Testament 77 times AND 57 times in the New Testament. **I believe God is trying to help us remember it. This is something we really need to think about.**

THESE ARE THE FOUNDATIONS OF GOD'S CHARACTER, HIS WORD, AND HIS PEOPLE:

God is love. He knows what's best for us.
God is GOOD. He is a God of justice/wrath & mercy/grace.
The underlying principle of God's Word and Torah is LOVE, and He gives us His Torah (instructions) for our good, to protect us so we won't die.
God is a God of covenants and promises.
God's Law is TRUTH, it is GOOD, and it's the Law of His eternal Kingdom, His way of life, and is divine, perfect.
The Word/Law of God doesn't change. It is eternal.
The New Testament is rooted and grounded in the Hebrew Bible (the OT).
God defines what is acceptable, holy, and righteous, not man.
God doesn't change and His Word doesn't change.
God's Law is His Word. It can't be separated from His Word.
Yeshua is the Word of God made flesh and He kept God's Law perfectly.
Sin is breaking God's Law (Torah, instructions). The Law is instructions in Righteousness and it is God's Royal Law.
God has a true people/a remnant (holy, righteous, keeping His commandments)

THE CONTRAST BETWEEN THE BIBLE AND TRADITION:

THE WORD	TRADITION
Yeshua (Jesus)-ONE MESSIAH	Religious leaders
God's instruction/law-ONE LAW/TORAH (Israel and Gentiles)	One law for Israel, and another law for the Gentiles Man's dogmas, human teaching, Jesus came to give a new law to the Gentiles)
God's Kingdom-ONE KINGDOM	Man's/Satan's kingdom
God's calendar-ONE CALENDAR (Hebrew)	Man's calendar/pagan calendar

WHAT IS THE NATURE OF GOD AND HIS LAW? One of his natures is that He is **unchanging**. **Unchanging is an absolute attribute of God. Truth doesn't change.** Psalm 119:142 says, *"Your Torah is truth."* If we believe God is unchanging, this verse is as true today as it was when David wrote it, which means ALL of God's instructions are truth. Would God do away with His own truth? This is a question you really need to ask yourself. The Old Testament and New Testament are coequal, **so the new doesn't change the old. God wants us to think correctly about Him and His Word. His Word isn't just for Israel, it's for the Gentiles that will become His people (Israel) too. It's ONE WORD FOR ALL PEOPLE. We're grafted into Israel.** There were no Jews when God gave the Law. God's people was Israel). Jews are people from the land of Judea or the tribe of Judah. There are 12 tribes of Israel. God said this about the Sabbath, *"In it you shall do no work, you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates"* Exodus 20:10. God commanded Israel not to let their servants, their cattle, nor the stranger who was within their gates work on the Sabbath, and Gentiles were within their gates at different times. **The commandments were for the Gentiles that joined themselves to the God of Israel and the Israelites! God always planned for Gentiles to worship Him and keep His Laws.**

Yeshua (Jesus) told the disciples to pray *"They Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."* **If the Law of God's Kingdom includes keeping the Sabbath, and it's His will that we keep it, why wouldn't we be doing**

here on earth what He commanded if His word is fixed in heaven? God's Law is freedom according to James, so why would we need to be free from something that makes us free? And why is the church teaching that we're free from the Law because Yeshua came? **This teaching says that Yeshua the Messiah is an antagonist to the Law.** He is the Word made flesh, so He's an antagonist to Himself? **This is heresy!** If you think about how the enemy works, this would be a strategy: convince people that the death of Yeshua means the death of the Law.

**WHY WOULD GOD'S LAWS NOT BE APPLICABLE TODAY?
HIS LAW IS LIFE-GIVING, NOT DESTRUCTIVE.
ANY DOCTRINE THAT DOESN'T LINE UP WITH ONE LAW OF GOD IS FALSE DOCTRINE
BECAUSE THE BIBLE NEVER SAYS THERE ARE TWO LAWS.**

Yeshua said in **Matthew 5:17-21** "***Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished; Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches them will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven.***" Who was Yeshua? He was a Hebrew, and Israelite. He lived in Israel. So I want to look at the word "fulfill" in Hebrew. The word is "mala." It means "**to be full, abundant, accomplished and satisfied.**" The Greek word is "pleroo." It means "**to make full, to fill up, to fill to the full, to complete, to fill to the top so that nothing shall be wanting, to full measure, to fill to the brim, to make complete in every particular (way), to carry through to the end, to accomplish, to carry out, to bring to realization, to perform, to execute as matters of duty, to cause God's will as made known in the Law to be obeyed as it should.**" In fact in **verses 21-48**, Yeshua ups the ante on the Law. He shows us what it means to fulfill it (to fill it up to its complete meaning). He goes into discussions and teaches parables about murder, adultery, divorce, oaths, retaliation, loving your neighbor and the Kingdom. He teaches them what it means to make the Law full, complete. I want you to notice something. He's teaching about not just the 10 commandments, but the Torah. If the Kingdom didn't include the Law, why did He spend so much time talking about it, and why was every test the Pharisees, Scribes and Pharisees gave Him have to do with the Law? Yeshua came to fill up the meaning of the Law, to show us how abundant it is, to accomplish it (He kept it perfectly), and to satisfy it. It doesn't mean He satisfied it so we don't have to. **The Bible doesn't say that ANYWHERE! It means He satisfied/fulfilled the Law because He obeyed it! So, according to the theology of most pastors, you would have to throw out all of Yeshua's teachings about the Law and all of His responses to the religious elites, because the Law has been done away with. Do you see how ridiculous this is? Do you see how this theology doesn't have a leg to stand on?**

In Luke 24, Yeshua revealed everything in the Law and prophets concerning Himself. But He didn't usher in the Messianic Kingdom. He gave us a glimpse, but it will not come fully until He returns the 2nd time. There were prophecies on the Tanakh (Scriptures, Old Testament) about Yeshua (Jesus)' (Yeshua's) Messianic Kingdom. He told a few disciples about all of these things on the road to Emmaus. He revealed the prophecies about Himself. **He opened their eyes showing them the hidden mysteries in the Torah, the prophets and the Psalms that were fulfilled in Him. He filled it up with meaning to the fullest sense!**

Most pastors twist Matthew 5:17-21. They teach that Yeshua (Jesus) accomplished the Law so we don't have to keep it, but if they teach that then they also have to teach that He accomplished the prophets, so they have thrown out all of the Old Testament prophets who prophecy about His second coming. Does that sound reasonable? Does God allow His Word to be thrown out? Was this the gospel Paul and the disciples taught? No! They taught the Old Testament. What did Paul say about people who believed a different gospel? "*I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel— not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed. As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed.*" The gospel they taught included obedience as a response to what God had done for them. Most pastors and teachers are preaching a gospel contrary to the one that Paul and the disciples taught. This might make it easier to see why God is bringing judgement on so many pastors today. This will probably be happening more and more the closer we get to the tribulation.

Yeshua fulfilled many prophecies at His first coming, but **He hasn't fulfilled all of them. By the logic of the enemy just mentioned, Yeshua abolished the prophecies pointing to His second coming and the establishment of the Messianic Kingdom, which He means He would never come back! That's ridiculous!** If you abolish those prophecies, you don't know what's going to happen in the Millennial Kingdom. You won't know what Yeshua's going to do when He comes, and you won't know what the Millennial Kingdom will be like. You won't know that the revelations given to the early prophets are confirmed by Yeshua's teachings in Matthew 24 and John's revelation in the book of Revelation. **And by the enemy's logic, the Law (the Torah) that Yeshua will rule His**

Kingdom by according to Isaiah 2 and Micah 4 has been abolished. If you agree with that logic, why does Yeshua bring back the Law that His death did away with? Do you see how the enemy has convinced many people that God isn't who He says He is in His own Word? This is exactly what the enemy wants! **It's a lie because it's the Word of God and it's eternal!**

**THE ENEMY'S STRATEGY IS TO ELIMINATE THE OLD TESTAMENT FROM THE CHURCH.
ALL WASN'T ACCOMPLISHED AT THE CROSS. HEAVEN AND EARTH HAVEN'T PASSED AWAY.**

Revelation 20 ends with the thousand-year Millennial earthly reign of Yeshua Christ coming to an end. Satan is released from the pit and goes out to deceive the nations at the 4 corners of the earth, and God consumes them with fire. The devil is thrown into the lake of fire with the Antichrist and the false prophet. The great white throne judgment occurs, and the dead unrighteous are thrown into the lake of fire with death and Sheol (the grave). God puts an end to death, the grave, and sin. **Revelation 21 begins with the new heavens and the earth.** John says in **Revelation 21:1** *"Then I saw a new heaven and new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."*

**THIS IS WHEN ALL THINGS WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED!
IN MATTHEW 5:17-19 YESHUA IS TALKING ABOUT IS THE VISION HE GAVE JOHN IN REVELATION 21!**

Scripture proves that all things weren't fulfilled on the cross because Revelation 21 hasn't been fulfilled. Many churches teach that Yeshua abolished the Law or fulfilled it at the cross, so we don't have to keep it. Others teach that He fulfilled everything at the cross including the Sabbath and the Feasts of the Lord, so we don't have to keep them. The enemy has invented many lies to convince people the Old Testament and the Torah has been abolished. **However, that's not what the Bible says and it's not what Yeshua said.** We have to study so we know what the Bible says. Otherwise, we're just going to believe what people tell us rather than Yeshua. The enemy uses unskilled and ignorant people to propagate lies. Unfortunately many people have believed the deception. **The honest truth is that most people aren't spending the time in God's Word they should be.**

In **John 5:46**, He said, *"For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote of Me."* The context of this verse is that the Pharisees were accusing Yeshua of breaking the Sabbath. He replied that He came to do the works of His Father. They had added to God's Law with Talmudic/rabbinical traditions (*"oral Torah"*) and thought their way was better than God's. They were prideful and wanted Him to do their works. They didn't believe Moses (the written Word), because **if they would have, they would not have added to the commandments.** They would have believed Yeshua was God's Son and their salvation because the Torah is full of stories of Yeshua the Messiah. **Their pride blinded them so they couldn't see who He was, what He taught or did. It's the same with the church today. Most are keeping the traditions they've been taught which have been added onto God's Word (or taken away from it), and they can't see who Yeshua was, what He taught or did.**

GOD IS A GOD OF ORDER AND HIS LAW IS A LAW OF LOVE. God's character is good, and there are many people who have misinterpreted the Law of God and His character. He gave us HIS Law to protect us. He didn't want Israel (His set apart people) or us (Israel, His set apart people) to do the things that other nations would do, because He doesn't want us to sin, because He wants us to be with Him forever! This is because of His love for us! The other nations were pagans. They worshipped demon gods, not the creator God and the one true God. They did not obey God. **This is why He chose Israel and gave them His Law and set them apart—to be a light to the nations and to show them how God's Kingdom operates. That is His love for the whole world. And that's our call today.**

GOD IS THE ONLY AUTHORITY WE SHOULD OBEY. The majority is not always right. What matters is what the Bible says. God wanted to bless the Israelites through the Sabbath and He wants to bless us. **1 John 1:5-7** says *"This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Yeshua His Son cleanses us from all sin."* God will give us the revelation, knowledge, wisdom and understanding, but it's up to us to walk it out. **If we are not lining ourselves up with the Word of God, we are being disobedient, we are walking in darkness. If we believe that God's Word or His Law has darkness in it, we don't know Him or His character.**

WHAT/WHO IS YOUR GUIDE, YOUR AUTHORITY/MASTER? Is it the Bible or tradition? Is it Yeshua or your pastor, or the leaders of the church? What is the foundation of your faith? Is it the Bible or men? **Does any church or any human religious leader have the authority to change God's Law that was written by His finger?** John Stott says, *"Councils have no authority in the church unless it can be shown that their conclusions are in*

accord with Scripture." At the beginning of the 10 commandments in **Exodus 20**, God says, "I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery" **Psalm 89:14** says, "**My covenant I will not break, nor alter the Word that has gone out of My lips.**" God will not break His covenant. He will not break His Word. He won't alter it, meaning, He won't change it.

I want to follow the example of Yeshua. Exodus 33:13 says: "**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 the LORD that doth sanctify you.**" The word "keep" in Hebrew is "shamar." It means "keep, watch, guard, and preserve." **If you keep something, do you give it away or give it up? Does "throughout your generations" mean it ends? No, it means continually.**

Let's examine ourselves. Have we kept the Sabbath? Have we watched it, in other words, guarded it? Have we preserved it? How can we say we keep God's commandments if we break one of them? Most Christians break one of the four commandments about loving God, yet how can we say we love Him if we disobey His commandments? **2 Timothy 3:12-17** says, "**Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil people and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings (the Hebrew Scriptures), which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.**" At the time Paul wrote this to Timothy, the only scriptures they had was the Old Testament. Paul was saying that **ALL OF THE OLD TESTAMENT was profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction and for training in righteousness.** Paul understood that Timothy had learned the Scriptures and (Old Testament) and his belief was firm that the Scriptures taught us how to live righteously and holy. He was obedient to Messiah and the Torah (instructions -what God said), not the dogma, customs, or traditions of men.

Did Paul or Yeshua change the Word of God? Many churches teach that Paul's gospel is the new or real gospel. But Paul did NOT contradict Yeshua in ANY way. In Acts 21, he took a Nazarite vow to prove that he wasn't teaching against the Torah even though he was accused of teaching lawlessness by certain Jewish people. But he was teaching it and if you study his writings, this is what you learn. Many churches also teach that the Word of God breathed out by God was changed by Yeshua, the Son of God, the Word made flesh, who is God. If God doesn't change His Word, and Yeshua is the same yesterday, today and forever, then why would Yeshua change it? If His Word is His Son, would His Son change His Word? Doesn't that sound ridiculous? It is, because the Father and Yeshua are ONE. IF God changed His Word, He would be a liar. If Yeshua changed His Father's Word, He would be a liar, He would not be the Messiah, and He would not be God's Son. Who is the liar? The enemy. He's lying about God, His commandments, Yeshua, and the Kingdom of God. Paul warned us about people who would teach against the commandments. "Evil people and impostors will go from bad to worse deceiving people about God's commandments" 2 Timothy 3:13.

WHAT DO DAVID AND SOLOMON SAY ABOUT GOD'S LAWS, STATUTES AND RULES?

- **Psalm 119:1** says, "**Blessed are those whose way is blameless (undefiled), who walk in the Law of the Lord.**" **The WAY OF GOD IS DEFINED BY THE LAW OF GOD.** The Sabbath is a commandment, part of God's Law, and David says that **the commandment lights the way.**
- **Proverbs 6:23** says "**For the commandment is a lamp, this teaching is a light, and the reproofs of discipline are the way to life.**" I think it's so great that David and Solomon said, "**the commandment,**" singular. He knew the Word of God (The Word made flesh) He called it **a teaching.** **There is ONE way we must follow, God's way, His rules.**
- **Psalm 119:137** says "**Righteous are you, O lord, and right are your rules (laws).**
- **Psalm 119: 142** says "**Your righteousness is righteous forever, and your law is true.**
- **Psalm 119: 172** says "**My tongue shall speak of Your Word, for all Your commandments are righteousness.**"

The Torah is truth. That doesn't change because truth doesn't change. It's absolute.

God's Word has defined the Law for us in Psalm 19:

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| 1) Perfect | 7) Pure |
| 2) Revives the soul | 8) Enlightens the eyes |
| 3) Sure | 9) True |
| 4) Makes the simple wise | 10) Trustworthy |
| 5) Right | 11) Firm |
| 6) Rejoices the heart | 12) Righteous (Righteousness) |

**GOD'S DEFINITION OF RIGHTEOUSNESS IS SPECIFIC, NOT VAGUE. IT'S NOT RELATIVE.
IT IS DEFINED BY HIS LAW. IT'S HIS COMMANDMENTS.**

We don't get to define what is holy, right or good. God does. His Law is based on the principle of love. He knows what is good for us and what is bad for us, and this is why He gave us His Law. If we want to grow and be more like God, we must keep His Law. If we break it, we're sinning. **Psalm 19:7-10** says "***The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and the drippings of the honeycomb.***" **Why would something that is perfect need to be changed? Why would something that makes us wise need to be changed? Why would something that gives us eyes to see need to be changed?**

We have the Old Testament to learn God's Laws and to learn from the mistakes of Israel. **1 Corinthians 10:1-11** tells us that with most of Israel, God was not pleased. It tells us that "***these things happened to them as an example, written down for our instruction.***" It says, "*Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall.*" We need to take care that this doesn't happen to us because it's a prototype. God wants us to understand that Israel disobeyed even though He delivered their generation, **BUT the result for disobedience was they did not get to go into the promised land.** They rebelled against God. Those that went into the promised land eventually sinned and God brought curses on them, many died, and others were exiled from the land because they didn't obey God's commandments. They were supposed to teach the pagan nations God's commandments and ways, but they chose to rebel against God and He sent them to these nations. **Verse 17** says "*Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for **we all partake of the one bread.***" Paul was writing to the church that was made of "Jews" and former Gentiles (pagans). They were all partaking of one bread, Yeshua, and the Word of God. There wasn't one Word for the Jews and one for the Gentiles. They were one body. **Verse 22** says "*Shall we provoke the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger than He?*" I believe we've provoked the Lord to jealousy just like Israel did. He wants us to keep His laws. **The Bible magnifies the Law of God as holy, just, good, and righteous as Paul did.** How can we know what sin is unless we have the Law? **Romans 7:7** says "*What shall we say, then? Is the law sinful? Certainly not! Nevertheless, I would not have known what sin was had it not been for the law.*" **Verse 25** says "*So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God's Law, but in my sinful nature a slave to the law of sin.*" **So we know from this verse that the law of sin and death isn't God's Law.**

Israel was divided because they didn't keep the Sabbath, the Feasts, and the commandments of God. They kept the pagan ways and tried to *mix* them with worshipping God. This is called "*mixing*", and God hates it. This was a problem for Israel, and it's a problem for the church today. Today's church doesn't many pagan things without knowledge, and others know the things they do are pagan, but they think they can bring God mixing. Why? Because they haven't studied the Old Testament. They don't know that God doesn't accept certain types of worship.

God's commandments are expressions of His love for us, and if we love Him, we are to keep His commandments. Breaking His commandments has consequences. **Matthew 5:6** says, "*Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.*" **Ephesians 4:24** says "*and put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.*" **Romans 6:18** says "*and having been freed from sin (breaking the Law), you became slaves of righteousness (keeping the Law, following the Way, Yeshua).*" **How can we be slaves of righteousness if we continue in sin? We need to study to understand what God has already made clear.**

The enemy has employed one strategy with the Jews and one with Christianity. His strategy for the Jews is: Keep people from knowing who the Messiah is. Rabbis are taught not to teach/read chapters verses about the Messiah because only the Messiah could fulfill those prophecies. They have been deceived. They "*forbid*" chapters such as Isaiah 53, the chapter that is the largest Messianic prophecy in the Old Testament and it proves who the Messiah is. Jews don't read Isaiah 53 (the biggest Messianic prophecy) in their Torah portions. They have also been deceived to teach the Talmuds, the Gemarah and the Zohar instead of the Bible, therefore; many rabbis don't know the Scriptures. **If the Messiah is hidden, they will never read the (new) testaments of the Jewish disciples who followed the Jewish Messiah, and they will never know that their Jewish Messiah came. But the enemy has employed another strategy for the church: keep people from knowing about the Law. If the Old Testament is taken away or ignored, God's covenant is taken away. The New Covenant will not be known. If the church is convinced the Mosaic covenant was abolished, they won't live in the New Covenant. The enemy is trying to keep BOTH GROUPS out of covenant!**

1 Peter 4:17 says "*For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, **what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God?** And "if the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?" He is quoting **Proverbs 11:31** which says, "*If the righteous are paid what they deserve here on earth, how much more **the wicked and the sinner!***" In **verse 18**, He says, "*It is time for judgment to begin at the household of God.*" He says if it begins with us, what will happen to those who don't obey the gospel? I hope Christians will read this so they know that judgment is coming unless they repent. In **Revelation 2-3**, Yeshua judges the 7 churches (assemblies) of the last days. He praised most them for something, but He rebuked 5 of the churches and told them they*

needed to repent and turn. The majority of today's churches aren't teaching the true gospel. This isn't meant as a condemnation to the church. Only God has that power. It means it's a time to go deep into the Word of God and let the Holy Spirit teach us how to live godly lives so we won't be rebuked by Yeshua in the last days.

WE HAVE A CHOICE-GOD'S WORD OR MAN'S TRADITION: False teachings emerge from people's individual interpretations. We know if someone hears from the Holy Spirit **IF** their interpretation is aligned with the word of God. But **IF** they inject their own preconceived ideas into the Scripture instead of trying to get the writer's ideas out, their interpretation is **false**. False interpretations don't come from the Holy Spirit. Peter warned that there would be false teachers among us. **2 Peter 2:1-3** says "*But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction. And many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of truth (the CJB says "the true Way") will be blasphemed. And in their greed they will exploit you with false words. Their condemnation from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep.*" This is why we're supposed to test the spirits. We're supposed to study the Word of God so we know HOW to test the people who teach us. Sunday as a replacement day of rest/worship is heresy, it's destructive and it's a blasphemy of God's Word. It's false doctrine.

The early church was called "**the Way**" (because they followed the way of Yeshua (Jesus) [Yeshua], and He was **the WAY**, the truth, and the life) **the Way** of God. **His Law is the way of covenantal instruction.** Yeshua (Jesus) obeyed His Father and the laws of God's eternal Kingdom. **Deuteronomy 6:4-9** says "*Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. (So we must do something). And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.*" God is ONE. ONE in unity, one in His Law (His constitution).

2 Peter 3:14 says "*Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by Him without spot or blemish, and at peace.*" **Do you mean we're supposed to do something? The church teaches that we're without spot or blemish at the time we give our lives to Yeshua. However, Peter is telling the church to be diligent to live holy, righteous lives!** "*Without spot or blemish*" means what? It means being holy, righteous, and keeping God's commandments, following Yeshua. **1 John 3:4** says, "*Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness.*" So sin is defined the same way it was in the Old Testament. Something we don't think about: **If we can transgress (break) the Law, then we can keep it.**

**THE BIBLE NEVER SAYS THERE ARE 2 LAWS OF GOD.
IT SAYS THERE IS ONE LAW, "THE LAW".
GOD SAID WE CAN KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS.**

Yeshua (Jesus) was the perfect Lamb who kept the Law of God perfectly. That means to follow Him we should try to **keep the Law perfectly.** Paul says, "*imitate me as I imitate Christ.*" John wrote to the church in 1 John because there were communities receiving false teachings. John encouraged the church to ensure their beliefs were free from error because when they first received the message about Yeshua they were taught from the Torah and the prophets. **So, why isn't the church teaching the Torah (instructions) today? Why does the church say it has been done away with? Why does the church say, "We don't have to keep the commandments" or "We don't have to keep the Sabbath?"**

**WITH GOD, ALL DAYS ARE NOT ALIKE.
ONE DAY WAS BLESSED AND SANCTIFIED BY GOD, THE 7TH.
AND GOD RESTED ON ONLY ONE DAY, THE SABBATH.
THE 4TH COMMANDMENT IS THE ONLY COMMANDMENT THAT BEGINS WITH "REMEMBER".**

The enemy has convinced people that Yeshua was lawless. I had a woman tell me "*Well, Jesus broke the Sabbath.*" This is a misunderstanding of Scripture. No, He didn't. **He kept God's Law perfectly, BUT He broke the laws of men and this is why the religious elites got so mad. They thought they had authority to make laws, authority over Him, but He had authority over them and He rebuked them.** He was the heavenly authority.

Many people want unity in the church and wonder why the church isn't unified. The Sabbath is a key that will unlock why we haven't been unified. We haven't been keeping the commandments of God. **We need to be unified in Biblical teaching/doctrine and obedience.** I've heard people say, "*we need to be on the same foundations, but doctrine doesn't matter when it comes to things that aren't the foundations.*" **What are the foundations of the faith? Is obedience a foundation of the faith? Is truth a foundation of the faith? Are the commandments a foundation of the faith? Is Yeshua THE FOUNDATION of our faith? Then why wouldn't we want to be in agreement about everything God said and everything Yeshua said? Wouldn't we want our doctrine to align with theirs? In saying disagreements in doctrines don't matter, people are believing the lies of the enemy and it's just a way to keep us apathetic. This is NOT The**

church of Yeshua. The church of Yeshua wants everyone to be ready. God requires obedience, not sacrifices He doesn't accept. Doesn't He want the bride to be obedient to His Word?

The first assembly (the disciples, Paul, and believers) was unified in obedience. There were conflicts in the assemblies then just as there are now. If there were disagreements because someone was presenting a different doctrine, they assembled together, as in the case of the Jerusalem council in Acts 15. In other instances, Paul wrote to the churches and told them what to do and how to make it right. He always warned them about false teachers and doctrines, told them to stop sinning, and put an end to enmity, but NOT to truth. **False doctrines angered him!** Peter warned in **2 Peter 3:17** not to be carried away by lawless people.

Today we basically have two different faiths: (1) One faith says "we can be lawless. God is a God of grace and we're in the age of grace. Yeshua didn't require us to keep the commandments." But the meaning of faith is "believe and obey" so that can't be true. Another faith says, (2) "we must obey God's commandments and have faith in Yeshua and follow Him. Faith comes first and obedience is a **result of faith and love for God.**" **Which one aligns with Scripture?** We are to be in covenant with Him, and we do it **because** we love Him according to **1 John 5:3**, not because we think we can save ourselves by our own righteousness. That's not the Law's purpose. Its purpose is sanctification. Yeshua is the justifier. If we've been justified, we love Him and we love God and we want to do their will. This is what most Christians don't understand.

Without obedience to the Law, we can't provoke the Jews to jealousy. They can't believe in a lawless "Gentile, Catholic" Messiah. They can't believe in a Messiah that would break the commandments, the Sabbath, and tell His people that they can worship on a pagan day of worship. They can't believe in a Messiah that's not like God. This is something the church of today can't see. **The key that unlocks all of the Gentiles coming to faith, provoking the Jews to jealousy and the return of Yeshua is believers in Yeshua keeping the commandments of God, imitating Yeshua, Paul and the disciples. It starts with keeping the 4th commandment, the Sabbath day holy.** We have to be set apart if we're going to show the Jewish people that we're faithful since faithfulness is believing AND obeying. We have to keep the 10 commandments and then we will learn the Torah. As we learn, we will do that too.

The problem with most Christians: When most people see Christians, there's no proof of deliverance, healing, or transformation. There's no newness of life and no proof of being born again. However, **Christians are supposed to look very different from the world.** They're not supposed to be of the world. **This is a huge problem.** Today's church can hardly be distinguished from the world. Just today I spoke with several Christians in a parking lot. One man said he believed but he didn't have time to talk. Others were dressed worldly, covered in tattoos and jewelry. People don't look set apart or holy. They don't really know what that means. Pastors are preaching an "itching ears", "greasy grace" gospel, and people attend church to feel good about themselves in many instances. But we don't see many people preaching about repentance, conviction and obedience. **But, they preached the complete gospel and LIVED IT, people would be coming to the faith in mass numbers! If they saw us as repentant, set apart and holy, they would see that we are very different from the world, and they would want to join us! They don't want to join an asleep, untransformed, and hypocritical church. Why would they want to join the church if it looks just like them or not much different? Why would they want to join people who are having the same problems they're having?**

SECTION 4: HISTORY OF THE CHANGING OF THE BIBLICAL SABBATH

First, we're going to examine the history of how the Sabbath was changed and who changed it, because so many people don't know how the Sabbath was changed. By examining history, we can understand how the Sabbath was changed and who changed it. **Scripture tells us what God's original day of rest and worship and eternal commandment is—that we keep the Sabbath.** Satan is a counterfeiter, so he came up with a counterfeit pagan day and used a religion to make it a world-wide tradition.

1. WHO CHANGED THE BIBLICAL SABBATH FROM THE 7TH DAY TO THE 1ST DAY?

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH CHANGED THE SABBATH AND THE COMMANDMENTS. It was the Catholic church that decided Sunday should be the day of worship for Christians, in honor of the resurrection. Sunday worship is a tradition. We assume traditions are true. We don't investigate them, and we believe them. **The Catholic church claims to be the church that Yeshua died for, and that the apostles built the Catholic church. The apostles' creed says, "I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church."** In this creed, anyone who says is saying that they believe the Catholic church is holy. This study is going to prove that it's not. **The Catholic church lies about its history to make people believe the origin story of the Catholic church is true, but it is neither true nor Biblical, nor are its practices and beliefs. The Catholic church is a mixture of Christianity and paganism.** In this section, I will give examples of the early church fathers and discuss the schools where many of them were trained, and prove that Christianity and paganism were combined to create a religion that clashes with the Bible. **The Biblical Sabbath was changed by the Roman Catholic church because Roman church leaders wanted to convert the pagans and because the early church fathers were antisemites.** They built many of their churches on top of pagan temples. If we read the stories in the Bible where the Israelites took over cities that had belonged to pagans, we will see that God commanded them to destroy the pagan temples and everything that was pagan. The kings of Israel and Judah that didn't destroy the high places were evil kings. The church of Rome has already disobeyed God because it didn't destroy the pagan temples, instead, it took on many of the elements of paganism. I will show this in #3 of this section.

This is counterfeit activity. It is counterfeit religion. Paul warned us about religious movements, false prophets and teachers, and a false gospel. He said in Galatians 1:8 *"But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed."* **The Catholic church preaches a gospel contrary to the one Paul and the disciples taught. This means the church is accursed. I am not talking about Catholics who are in the church and unaware that the church is teaching a false gospel. I'm talking about the Catholic church leaders and fathers.** As believers, we need to embrace what's right and refuse what's wrong. Hosea 4:1 says: *"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge."* **There are many people who lack knowledge about the Sabbath and are following the Catholic church (men) instead of following God. God never rescinded His command to keep the Sabbath.**

According to the **Catholic** church, **all days** have been dedicated to God, who is the creator of the world. I address this another section. **BUT GOD IS THE ONE WHO SET ASIDE THE ONE 7TH DAY. MAN CAN'T CHANGE THAT. WE CAN'T CHANGE THE WORD OF GOD. WE CAN'T DO IT OUR WAY.** If we do, we are rebelling against God and being prideful. **We need to be willing to give up sin. We need to obey His precepts. God is the one who sanctified the Sabbath and made it holy (during the week of creation).** Gen 2:2 says, *"He rested from all His work, He blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that He had done."* **He didn't do that for any other day.** A clear clash of world views existed between God's people and the pagans of the nations. **He set apart His people. Their obedience to Him would be a testimony distinguishing them from all other people.**

The Catholic commandments below prove that their church is not a church of God. They are a commandment breaking church, a commandment eliminating church, and a commandment dividing church.

THE 10 COMMANDMENTS ACCORDING TO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH AND ACCORDING TO THE BIBLE:

	THE CATHOLIC CHURCH-A TRADITIONAL CATECHETICAL FORMULA (CHANGED)	THE BIBLE (UNCHANGED)
<u>1</u>	I am the Lord your God: you shall have no strange gods before me	You shall have no other gods before me.
<u>2</u>	You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain	You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them, or serve them; for I, the Lord Your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth Generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth Generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

<u>3</u>	Remember to keep holy the Lord's day	You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.
<u>4</u>	Honor your father and your mother	"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. ¹¹ For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore, the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy
<u>5</u>	You shall not kill	Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God is giving you.
<u>6</u>	You shall not commit adultery	You shall not murder.
<u>7</u>	You shall not steal	You shall not commit adultery.
<u>8</u>	You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor	You shall not steal.
<u>9</u>	You shall not covet your neighbor's wife	You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
<u>10</u>	You shall not covet your neighbor's goods	You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor's.

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH WANTED TO DISTINGUISH ITSELF FROM THE JEWS, SO IT CHANGED THE DAY OF WORSHIP FROM SATURDAY TO SUNDAY. I WILL GO MORE INTO THIS IN SECTION 4, "WHAT THE EARLY CHURCH FATHERS SAID."

The Catholic church, after changing the day of rest from the Jewish Sabbath, the 7th day of the week, changed the commandments. They decided what their 10 commandments would be, and they weren't God's 10 commandments, according to the Bible. They changed the Law of God by removing the 2nd commandment which prohibits image worship, because they worship/bow down to images. They changed the 4th commandment, the Sabbath to the 3rd commandment and made it refer to Sunday as the Lord's day (they changed the name and the day). The Sabbath is the 4th commandment. They changed the 10th commandment-thou shalt not covet. This they divided into 2 commandments because they had eliminated the commandment about worshipping and bowing down to images. So, they changed, eliminated and restructured the commandments because of their idolatry and paganism.

- 2. WHY DID THE CATHOLIC CHURCH CHANGE THE SABBATH AND THE COMMANDMENTS?** The Catholic church changed the commandments because it wanted to distinguish itself from the Jews, and from "Judaizing Christians." The early church fathers were antisemites, and they played a role in erasing the history of the Sabbath in the true (remnant) church. In Section 3, I will list writings of the early church fathers which will prove they were antisemites.
- 3. SUNDAY WAS THE DAY WHEN PAGANS WORSHIPPED.** Sun worship was prevalent in the ancient Egyptian religion, in Roman religion, and in Greek religion. Prayers were addressed to Sol (the sun god). Sunday was the day of worship of the pagans. This is how we got the word "Sunday," the "day of the sun." The Roman Catholic church was influenced by pagan religions and Catholics began to worship on sun-day. They merged themselves with pagan practices and Roman social traditions because they wanted money, power and control. They wanted to dominate Christianity. They wanted to create a one world religion. They believe in mythology, deities, festivals, pre-Christian myths, and practice rituals (like Ash Wednesday) that can be traced back to ancient pagan religions and cults.

The Catholic church has feasts of the saints rather than the Feasts of the Lord. They replaced Passover with Easter. They replaced the Sabbath with Sunday worship. They developed "holy days" (which we call "holidays") such as: lent, a form of public penitence, strict fasting that dates back to the 9th century, according to Encyclopedia Britannica. They pray to saints and Mary, worship Mary, and have idols (which is why they removed the 10th commandment). **None of these things are permitted in the Bible. In Roman Catholicism, tradition is consistently placed above the Scripture.** Yeshua (Jesus) said "All too well you reject the commandment of God, that you may keep your tradition." Mark 7:8-9 God said in Deut 12:32, "Whatever I command you, be careful to observe it; you shall not add to it nor take away from it." 2 Thes 2:10-11 says "and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth (there is one truth), that they might be saved. And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie." This is Exactly what's going on today. Protestant churches are keeping the traditions of men instead of following the commandments of God. Roman Catholicism is a deliberately crafted counterfeit rather than true Biblical faith. Yeshua (Jesus) is coming for a pure bride (commandment

keeping), not a harlot. The harlot tries to be the bride, but she can't. Paul forewarned of the rise of worldwide ungodliness (2 Timothy 3:1-7) and the worldwide apostasy of the institutionalized church (1 Timothy 4:1-3).

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH HAS COMBINED Gnosticism/paganism/heresy with Christian truth. Almost all the early church fathers were Gnostics! They judged the Messianic Christians that were/are keeping the Sabbath and the Feasts of the Lord ("the Way"). The early church would not have been called "the Way" if they weren't following Yeshua by keeping the ways of God!

The Pope is basically the head of the one world church. In February of 2019, Pope Francis signed a global peace covenant called the "*Document of Human Fraternity for World Peace*" with a Sunni muslim leader. One country has adopted it as a national document, and other countries could follow. The United Nations is the entity that produced this idea. This is from the U.N. website: "*.. we must acknowledge that tolerance, pluralistic tradition, mutual respect and the diversity of religions and beliefs promote human fraternity.*" The United Nations doesn't want religions and people believing in Yeshua (Jesus) Christ, they want a human fraternity (I would encourage you to research this) that acknowledges tolerance, mutual respect, equality, freedom, and diversity. So, if you create a one world religion, then you can water down and modify doctrines and theologies. We see what is going on right now in the world. There are rights for homosexuals, transvestites, pedophiles, and anyone with any sexual identity issues, but rights are being taken away for Christians sharing the gospel. One of the key principles of the human fraternity document is "*terrorism is due to incorrect interpretations of religious texts.*" Christians are already being seen as terrorists. This is going to get much worse. The pope is the religious head of this United Nations-backed fraternal order. This is Satanic. This is what they were trying to do just decades after' (Yeshua's) death-create a one world church- but they didn't succeed.

The Pope says he is the "*vicar of Christ.*" The Catholic church says that the pope, who is the vicar of Christ, has been appointed by Christ to run the church on earth while the King is away: "*The Pope enjoys, by divine institution, supreme, full, immediate and universal power in the care of souls*" Catechism, Par 937. The title of pope **implies his supreme and universal primacy over the church of Christ.** We have no master but Christ. We don't submit ourselves to a "vicar." We don't bow down to the leader of a sect. The enemy has deceived people into believing that a sect is the church of God, but it is the church of the enemy. **Yeshua (Jesus) did not send the pope to be his vicar, to run the church on earth. He did not give any man divine institution, supreme, full, and universal power in the care of souls. Yeshua (Jesus) would have told us that. The Pope doesn't have supremacy, and he is not infallible. Yeshua (Jesus) is our King.** God, Yeshua (Jesus), and the Holy Spirit are the only ones that have divine, supreme, full, and universal power. **A man NEVER has that power. Satan's 2nd lie to Adam and Eve was "You will be like God." And Satan has deceived the church through the popes, and the system of the Catholic church.**

Let's look at what Catholics believe the papacy is:

"The Pope is not only the representative of Jesus Christ, he is Jesus Christ Himself, hidden under the veil of flesh." Catholic National July 1895. **According to the Catholic church, the papacy is a seat of Jesus Christ on earth. This is blasphemy!**

"We hold upon this earth the place of God Almighty" ...Pope Leo XIII Encyclical Letter of June 20, 1894,

The Bull Unam Sanctum... Issued by POPE BONIFACE VIII reads as follows: "The Roman Pontiff judges all men, but is judged by no one. We declare, assert, define, and pronounce: to be subject to the Roman Pontiff is to every human creature necessary for salvation that which was spoken of Christ 'thou has subdued all things under his feet' may well seem verified in me... I have the authority of the King of Kings. I am all in all and above all, so that God himself and I, the vicar of God, have but one consistency, and I am able to do all that God can do." This is blasphemy!

Bishop Patrick Dunn of Auckland said this: "It seems that Pope John Paul II now presides over the universal Church from his place upon Christ's cross.

The Gloss of Extravagantes of Pope John XXII says this: "But to believe that our Lord God the Pope the establisher of said decretal, and of this, could not decree, as he did decree, should be accounted heretical (emphasis added)."

In 1302 Pope Boniface said this in a letter to the Catholic Church: "Furthermore, we declare, we proclaim, we define that it is absolutely necessary for salvation that every human creature be subject to the Roman Pontiff." The Catholic church teaches that salvation doesn't come from Jesus Christ (Yeshua) but from the Pope!

Pope Leo XIII said: "This thought has been, and is, a source of deep concern to Us; for it is impossible to think of such a large portion of mankind deviating, as it were, from the right path, as they move away from Us, and not Experience a sentiment of innermost grief. But since We hold upon this earth the place of God Almighty...But the supreme teacher in the Church is the Roman Pontiff. Union of minds, therefore, requires, together with a perfect accord in the

one faith, complete submission, and obedience of will to the Church and to the Roman Pontiff, as to God Himself.” I hope you see how Satanic this is!

Deuteronomy 17:3 says, “*And has gone and served other gods and worshiped them, or the sun or the moon or any of the host of heaven, which I have forbidden.*” You may not know it, but **you are worshipping God on the day of a pagan sun god**, and we know that there are no other gods, they are demons. **You are worshipping God on the day the Pope and the Roman Catholic church has said is the day of rest and worship. There is one God, and we need to worship Him the way He has commanded us to, in Spirit and in Truth.** I know you believe you are worshipping God, but you are not worshipping Him His way. You’re worshipping him on a day that is defiled, and you can’t make something holy that’s defiled. You are “*mixing*” paganism with worship of God. **This is false worship and God doesn’t accept it. We just need to read the Old Testament to see how the children of Israel did the EXACT SAME THING and God disciplined them and exiled them from Israel. If the church continues in this, they will face God’s discipline also. God’s grace will run out on a church that is supposed to study, know and teach what His Word says, not doctrines of men.**

**WE CAN’T OBEY HIM PART OF THE WAY. WE LEARN THIS FROM SAUL.
WE MUST OBEY HIM FULLY, IN THE WAY THAT HE TELLS US TO.**

2 Timothy 2:19 says “*But God's firm foundation stands, bearing this seal: “The Lord knows those who are His,” and “Let everyone who names the name of the Lord depart from iniquity.”* Yeshua said in **Matthew 7:24** “*Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.*” **We can build our house on Yeshua, the rock of our salvation. If we do this, our house will not fall. Or we can build it on the Catholic church, the pope, man, religion, mysticism, Gnosticism, paganism, and philosophies that are not in agreement with God or His Word. However, if we do, our house will fall. Even though He may not have brought it yet, God will bring a storm big enough to destroy that house.**

This is taken from the **Mystici Corporis Christi Encyclical of Pope Pius XII On the Mystical Body of Christ** (most of the early church fathers were mystics, Gnostics, and pagans who mixed these philosophies with Christianity): “*Christ made His Church one, holy, catholic, and apostolic. Consequently, whatever Christian body answers to that description may legitimately call Jesus Christ her founder.* This validates my theory of what they were trying to do—create one church. *An objective analysis of Roman Catholicism shows that only she satisfies the conditions and therefore she alone was founded by Christ and is animated by His divine Spirit.*” Father John A. Hardon. “Recognizing the True Church.” chapter IV from *Christ to Catholicism* (Inter Mirifica, 2003). **These were lies to develop a one world church. The last time I said the Apostles’ creed in a mega church, the Holy Spirit convicted me not to EVER say it again, because if I did I was agreeing that the Catholic Church is the one, holy apostolic church. This is an apostasy.**

Yeshua (Jesus) didn’t come to establish the Catholic church, a religion, or a denomination. The Bible says that **Yeshua (Jesus)** “*answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.*” He came to die for us (we are the house of Israel if we are grafted in) and give us eternal life. **The assembly of Yeshua is the Body of Yeshua—not a religion.** The true church kept the Sabbath—God commanded Israel to keep the Sabbath as His set apart, holy, chosen priesthood. In **Jeremiah 2:3**, it says “*Israel was holy to the Lord, the first of His harvest.*” **Exodus 19:6** says, “*and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.*” **Deuteronomy 28:9** says, “*The Lord will establish you as a holy people to Himself, as He swore to you, to keep the commandments of the Lord your God and walk in His ways.*” This is confirmed in the New Testament. **1 Peter 2:9-10** says, “*But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light, who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.*” Peter wrote to the church (they were grafted into Israel). The disciples and Paul taught the Torah (God’s teaching, direction, instruction, and Law.) And the followers of Yeshua followed Torah.

The Catholic Church claims to be the “true church,” just like Satan claims to be the “true God,” but it is a lie. Satan has used the Catholic church to try to remove the Torah (instructions) and the Holy Spirit from God’s church. The church has tried to remove the truth that Yeshua came for the lost sheep of the house of Israel, that the Gentiles that believe in Yeshua are grafted into Israel. The Catholic church wants you to believe that those who believe in Yeshua (Jesus) are Catholic. This is an antichrist spirit at work. It has tried to destroy Israel (the Jews). Israel is the enemy of Satan and the Catholic church. The Catholic church is not the one, holy church. And it is not apostolic. **The Roman Catholic church doesn’t appear to be nor does it demonstrate that it is founded by Yeshua and inspired by the Holy Spirit. It was founded by Satan himself because he wants to destroy the church Yeshua founded.**

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IS A FALSE CHURCH, AN IMPOSTER, SPIRITUAL BABYLON.

IT HAS TRIED TO DESTROY THE SABBATH, THE FEASTS OF THE LORD, AND HIS COMMANDMENTS.

4. THE HISTORY OF HOW SABBATH WAS CHANGED TO SUNDAY:

There was much going on in the 2nd century after Yeshua's ascension. Two things happening in two parts of the world were significant in bringing in the false doctrine of replacing the Sabbath with Sunday:

In Antioch, Northern Syria, Ignatius of Antioch, bishop of Antioch and the founder of the Jesuits, was working on His own extermination of God's Word. He died in the first part of the 2nd century, is claimed by the Catholic church to be the first known Roman Catholic to argue for the replacement of the Sabbath of the Lord our God to Sunday. In *Ignatius to the Magnesians* 8:1, 9:1–2 (Joseph Barber Lightfoot translation), he wrote "*Be not seduced by strange doctrines nor by antiquated fables, which are profitless. For if even unto this day we live after the manner of Judaism, we avow that we have not received grace. ...If then those who had walked in ancient practices attained unto newness of hope, no longer observing Sabbaths but fashioning their lives after the Lord's day, on which our life also arose through Him ... how shall we be able to live apart from Him? And he wrote: "If, therefore, those who were brought up in the ancient order of things have come to the possession of a new hope, no longer observing the Sabbath, but living in the observance of the Lord's day, on which also our life has sprung up again by Him and by His death – whom some deny, by which mystery we have obtained faith, and therefore endure, that we may be found the disciples of Jesus Christ, our only.*" — Letter to the Magnesians 9, Roberts and Donaldson translation, p. 189. Ignatius wrote Magnesians around 103 A.D., so this theology began to be taught and take root sometime after this. His doctrines went to Rome and took hold in the Roman Catholic church. **Approximately 75 years after Yeshua ascended, and 35 years after the Temple's destruction, Satan was working to deceive men with false doctrines that the resurrection replaced the Sabbath day rest, even though Scripture doesn't say this anywhere! It came through the Roman Catholic church.**

In Judea, Israel, the Bar Kokhba revolt happened from 132-136 A.D.. This was a rebellion by the people of Judea ("*the Jews*") against the Roman Empire, which was ruled by Hadrian, a Hellenist. He assumed the title of Olympias after the temple of Zeus was dedicated. He declared Jerusalem a pagan city. He was proficient in astrology. He most likely had a homosexual lover who supposedly fell into the river and drowned. He was part of a secret religious rite of ancient Greece, a secret rite like the Masons. Christians condemned the religious rites as pagan abominations (because they were). The Judeans united against Roman forces. Hadrian deified Bar Kokhba, the leader of the Judeans, which resulted in "*the popular cult of Antinous which, early on, rivaled Christianity,*" according to the World History Encyclopedia. According to Wikipedia, "*After the suppression of the revolt, Hadrian's proclamations sought to root out Jewish nationalism in Judea, which he saw as the cause of the repeated rebellions. He prohibited Torah law and the Hebrew calendar, and executed Judaic scholars. The sacred scrolls of Judaism were ceremonially burned at the large Temple complex for Jupiter (a pagan god, so at this time Satan was trying to extinguish the Hebrew scriptures) which he built on the Temple Mount. At this Temple, he installed two statues, one of Jupiter, another of himself. In an attempt to erase any memory of Judea or Ancient Israel, he wiped the name off the map and replaced it with Syria (Palestina). He banished all Jews from Palestine. By destroying the association of Jews with Judea and forbidding the practice of the Jewish faith, Hadrian aimed to root out a nation that had inflicted heavy casualties on the Roman Empire.*" According to Hadrian: The Enemy of God, August 26, 2020 (first published September 12, 2018), he banned circumcision also. According to David Cloud, Way of Life Literature "*Hadrian executed most of the Sanhedrin leaders and Torah scholars, including Rabbi Akiva, Simon ben Kosiba's most prominent supporter. According to the historian Eusebius, Akiva was skinned alive. Embittered Jewish survivors of this holocaust renamed Simon bar Kokhba Simon bar Kozeba (Son of the Lie). Hadrian tried to erase the very memory of Israel. He made decrees against Torah study, the possession of Scripture, Sabbath keeping, circumcision, and synagogue worship. Scripture scrolls were burned. Synagogues were wrecked. Jews were forbidden to visit Jerusalem except once a year on the day of the destruction of the Temple.*"

Because Jewish Christians refused to join the Judeans in the war against Rome, Bar Kochba, the self-proclaimed messiah of the Jews, persecuted them. At the same time they were rejected by the Romans because of their faith, and because they were keeping the commandments of God, things considered "*Jewish*". Many Christians perished during the conflict and more than a million Jews lost their lives. Some Christians during this time became Gnostics or rejected most things "*Jewish*", including the keeping of the Sabbath, because Hadrian forbid all things Jewish or Hebrew. **Almost from the beginning, Rome as a political power or political-religious power was seeking to destroy God's Word in His original language and exterminate His people.**

Justine Martyr (second century A.D.) in First Apology, volume 67, wrote that the Hebrew Sabbath observance had changed to Sunday also. "*But Sunday is the day on which we all hold our common assembly, because it is the first day on which God, having wrought a change in the darkness and matter, made the world; and Jesus Christ our Saviour on the same day rose from the dead. For He was crucified on the day before that of Saturn (Saturday); and on the day after that of Saturn, which is the day of the Sun, having appeared to His apostles and disciples, He taught them these things, which we have submitted to you also for your consideration.*" Justine didn't know the Bible very well because

he said Yeshua died on Saturday, which He did not. He died on Passover, which was probably a Wednesday. He said that the Catholics worshipped on Sunday because it's the first day God began to create the earth. This demonstrates his lack of study because God said the seventh day was the day He set apart, made holy and sanctified as the day of rest. And he agreed with Ignatius that because Yeshua rose on Sunday, it was the new day of rest. That's interesting because Yeshua rested on the 7th day even in the tomb and resurrected on the first day, the day God gave life to the universe by creating the heavens and the earth. Justine was trying to convince the Catholic church and leaders that Sunday was the day Catholics worshipped, and the enemy was using an unlearned, ignorant and unstable man to propagate this false doctrine and lie. This is why Peter warned us that the ignorant and unstable were teaching the scriptures to their own destruction and not be carried away with the error of the lawless (**2 Peter 3:16-17**).

Other Catholic church fathers propagated this same lie. We'll go into their writings in Section 5. This was leading up to Emperor Constantine. In 321 A.D., Emperor Constantine made a Sunday law *"On the venerable day of the Sun (venerabili die solis) let the magistrates and people residing in cities rest, and let all workshops be closed. In the country, however, persons engaged in agriculture may freely and lawfully continue their pursuits because it often happens that another day is not suitable for gain-sowing or vine planting; lest by neglecting the proper moment for such operations the bounty of heaven should be lost."* His decree was centered on honor and admonition of the celestial body called the sun. **He had the title pontifex maximus which allowed him to control the religious calendar of the Empire. Sunday was a day commonly honored by worshippers of Mithras. He worshipped Sol Invictus, the Roman sun god. Constantine said that the Jews were detestable.** This *"forced Sabbath"* on Sunday may explain why some groups were observing the 7th day Sabbath and meeting on the 1st day of the week. Constantine named himself bishop of the Catholic church and enacted the first civil law regarding Sunday observance in A.D. 321. **Only churches of Rome and Constantinople forsook the Sabbath Day, while churches in other regions continued keeping it.**

At the Council of Laodicea in 325 A.D., Constantine did not want Easter to be celebrated on the Jewish Passover. He said it was a Christian *"duty to have nothing in common with the murderers of our Lord"* (he believed the Jews murdered Yeshua). So, they required the resurrection to be celebrated on a Sunday, and NEVER on the day of the Jewish Passover. They called this resurrection day *"the Lord's Day"*. **But God never commanded us to keep a feast celebrating Easter! He commanded us to keep a feast to remember Jesus' (Yeshua's) death as the perfect Lamb of the Passover, the Unleavened Bread (the human who never sinned), and the First fruits (of the dead).** Easter was a celebration Ostara, Eástre, Eostre, fertility goddess (depending on the time period and place) of the spring equinox for pagans.

At the Council of Antioch in 345 A.D., Christians were banned from observing Passover. Constantine said *"When the question arose concerning the most holy day of Easter (The Catholic church created a festival called Easter, a pagan holiday, instead of Passover) it was decreed by common consent to be Expedient, that this festival should be celebrated on the same day by all, in every place...And truly, in the first place, it seemed to everyone a most unworthy thing that we should follow the custom of the Jews in the celebration of this most holy solemnity, who, polluted wretches, having stained their hands with a nefarious crime, are justly blinded in their minds...It is fit, therefore, that rejecting the practice of this people, we should perpetuate to all future ages the celebration of this rite, in a more legitimate order...Let us then have nothing in common with the most hostile rabble of the Jews."* (In "How the Church Lost the Way," by Steve Maltz, Saffron Planet, 2009). *"The Messianic Jewish faith of "The Way" that the Jewish Messiah and His Jewish followers started was officially buried over these 300 years, and the new religion called Christianity arose."* Free.MessianicBible.com.

At the Council of Laodicea in 363 A.D., the Catholic bishops from the Roman Empire officially brought Christian observance of the Biblical Sabbath to a halt (abolished it). **Yeshua said He didn't come to abolish the Law.** They established that Sunday, the 1st day of the week, was to become the new weekly day of rest for Christians. **Sunday would be considered "the Lord's Day," so it was a substitution for the Sabbath. It was intentional. It was part of Satan's agenda.** It was man making a commandment, not God. **Sabbath-keeping worship was forbidden by an official decree of the CATHOLIC church** (the Christian church was obeying God and keeping the Sabbath but the Catholic church was worshipping idols and keeping pagans traditions). Persecution of God's people began. **The Catholic church was the one persecuting God's people! Governmental decrees continued, and each law became stricter, because Satan wanted to destroy God's holy Sabbath day. This happened in the inquisition as well.**

In 380 A.D., Theodosius issued a decree to try to force those in the district of Rome to become Catholic. God gave us the power to choose. He would NEVER force us to keep His commandments. Satan would try to force Christian become part of Satan's agenda. *"To the residents of Constantinople: It is our will that all the peoples whom the government of our clemency rules shall follow that religion which a pious belief from Peter to the present declares the holy Peter delivered to the Romans, and which it is evident the Pontiff* Damascus and Peter, bishop of Alexandria, a man of apostolic sanctity, follow; that is, that according to the apostolic discipline and evangelical doctrine we believe in the deity of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit of equal majesty in a holy trinity. Those who follow this law we command shall be comprised under the name of Catholic Christians; but others, indeed, we require, as insane"*

and raving, to bear the infamy of heretical teaching; their gatherings shall not receive the name of churches; they are to be smitten first with the divine punishment and after that by the vengeance of our indignation, which has divine approval" (CT: 16.1.2; quoted from Ayers, pp 367- 368]). Satan tried to take the name church and Christian using the Catholic church. They've always been an agent of Satan. **The Catholic church said that those who weren't "Catholic Christians" were insane and raving and heretics. They said the Sabbath keepers wouldn't receive the name of "church", and they said they would smite them with divine punishment and the vengeance of their indignation. But the most egregious thing is that they said they had divine approval to do it!** The Catholic Church had approval from Satan, but not God. **I want to ask you: is the Catholic church a church of God or a church of Satan?**

The schools/churches at Alexandria, Antioch, and Rome (the Hellenistic academic centers of the Roman/Syrian empires where Hellenistic Jews and early church fathers studied, which taught Gnosticism, eastern mysticism, and the scriptures) stopped having worship services on the Sabbath. Various doctrines from the east were spreading from the east and converging in Alexandria—Babylonian astrology, Persian dualism, and other doctrines. Students at these schools had the opportunity to study every branch of learning, Greek: foreign, spiritual, sociological, human, and mysticism. The school's activities were not confined to theology. It was surrounded by the secularized Hellenists (who wrote the Septuagint) the Egyptian religion, rituals, and philosophies, Gnosticism and hermeticism. Believers were influenced by all the religions, cults, and philosophies in the city and it spread. It shouldn't be surprising that men who received their training Alexandria, Antioch, and Rome were leaders of churches who worshiped on Sunday. They were mixing. They were doing abominable things according to God.

I would suggest you research the Codex Sinaiticus and other Greek and Latin manuscripts of the Bible from which many translations come from. Many of the translations we have today come from the Greek and Latin manuscripts, the Codex Sinaiticus and other manuscripts. These manuscripts were influence by the men who attended the schools at Alexandria and Antioch which taught Stoicism, Platonism, Gnosticism, philosophy, and scripture. The school at Antioch was started by Lucian, and it taught dynamic Marcionism, Nicene orthodoxy, and that Christ's human and divine natures were two separate beings. There were divisions between these two schools and the church, and there were controversies in the early church and in the translations that came out of these schools. Much of the early Roman Catholic church doctrine came out these two schools because the early church fathers came out of these schools. We can see why the pagan rituals came into the Catholic church. The early church fathers studied them.

From the council of Toulouse in 1229 A.D., Canon XIV, *"We prohibit the permission of the books of the Old and New Testament to laymen, Except perhaps they might desire to have the Psalter, or some Breviary for the divine service, or the Hours of the blessed Virgin Mary (which is not the in the canon), for devotion; Expressly forbidding their having the other parts of the Bible translated into the vulgar tongue."* (Pierre Allix, Remarks Upon the Ecclesiastical history of Ancient Churches of the AlbiGenses, [Oxford; At the Carendon Press, 1821], p. 213) **The Catholic church prohibited the Old and New Testament to be read in Hebrew (the original language of the Bible-God's language)! The church called God's language vulgar! They only wanted the Bible to be read in Latin, and only by priests, bishops, and the pope. The Bible tells us to "study to show ourselves approved" but the Catholic church wanted to take the Bibles from the people. Why do you think they would want to do that? So they could teach their own doctrines and traditions and force people to do/keep them rather than the Word of God! The enemy has been working to put an end to God's language, His Word and His Law for thousands of years!**

"The ancient Christians were very careful in the observation of Saturday, or the seventh day. All the Oriental churches, and the greatest part of the world, observed the Sabbath as a festival...Athanasius likewise tells us that they held religious assemblies on the Sabbath, not because they were infected with Judaism, but to worship [Yahushua], the [Master] of the Sabbath, Epiphanius says the same." Antiquities of the Christian Church, Vol. II, Book XX, chap. 3, Sec. 1, 66.1137, 1138. **"Ambrose, the celebrated bishop of Milan, said that when he was in Milan he observed Saturday, but when in Rome observed Sunday. This gave rise to the proverb 'When you are in Rome, do as Rome does.'" Heylyn, The History of the Sabbath, 1613. This proves that people in Italy were still keeping the seventh-day Sabbath in the late 300s A.D.! This is where the saying "when in Rome" came from!**

Jesuit Francis Xavier arrived in India in 1542. In 1560, at the behest of Francis Xavier, the inquisition was established in Goa. The main targets were victims of Jewish descent. **"The Jewish wickedness" of which Xavier complained was evidently the Sabbath-keeping among those native Christians as we shall see in our next quotation. When one of these Sabbath-keeping Christians was taken by the Inquisition he was accused of having 'Judaized;' which means having conformed to the ceremonies of the Mosaic Law, such as not eating pork, hare, fish without scales, and of having attended the solemnization of the Sabbath."** Account of the Inquisition at Goa, Dellon, p.56. London, 1815.

If you read about the inquisition, you will discover that it was about extinguishing God's people. It was set up by the Catholic church, the church who claimed to be the church of Yeshua, to severely torture and kill Jews, Muslims, and Christians who were keeping the commandments of God. The pope sent bishops to hunt down "heretics", people

who didn't believe in doctrines of the Catholic church or have membership with the Roman Catholic church. It lasted for more than 200 years and more than 32,000 people were killed. **Does this sound like a church Yeshua would have anything to do with? No. It sounds like the church of Satan. This is exactly what it is. If you ask someone about Hitler and Nazi Germany, would they say they were from Yeshua or Satan? It's an easy answer.** The Catholic church used propaganda and force to convert people just like the Nazis used the same techniques to convert people to the 3rd Reich. This is an abuse of power and something Yeshua would NEVER do. In fact, in **Mark 9:40** and **Luke 9:50**, when the disciples questioned Him about some men who were going out casting out demons in His name. He said *“if they are not against us, they are for us.”* The Roman Catholic church didn't follow the teachings of Yeshua. They made up their own. They wanted power, control and money and were willing to kill God's people to get it. That doesn't come from Yeshua. That comes from Satan.

WHAT THE EARLY CATHOLIC CHURCH FATHERS SAID ABOUT THE SABBATH AND SUNDAY:

The Letter of Barnabas, (74 A.D.)

The letter of Barnabus was an anti-Jewish book that was included in the Codex Sinaiticus, a 4th century Greek manuscript of the Bible and quoted by St. Clement of Alexandria. Barnabus (not the Barnabus of the Bible that works with Paul) said *“We keep the eighth day [Sunday] with joyfulness, the day also on which Jesus rose again from the dead”* (Letter of Barnabas 15:6–8 [A.D. 74]). **There is not an 8th day on the calendar!** The Bible says in Gen 2: 2 “on the 7th day God ended His work, and He rested on the 7th day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.” The 7th day ended the week, and there is no 8th day. They made this up to convince people keeping Sunday was what they needed to do.

Ignatius of Antioch (Bishop of Antioch, 35-107 A.D.)

We looked at several things Ignatius wrote in the last section. He wanted the church to separate itself from Jewish “customs” and advocated for a distinctively “Catholic” practice of the Lord's day. **The Sabbath was not a Jewish custom. It was a Biblical custom, a command.** It was a custom of God's people throughout the ages. Ignatius wanted to draw a sharp contrast between “Sabbatizing” and the Lord's day. **This “Lord's day” theology is a replacement theology that would begin to unfold over the coming centuries.**

Justin Martyr (Catholic apologist, philosopher, 100-165 A.D.)

*“But Sunday is the day on which we all hold our common assembly, because it is **the first day on which God, having wrought a change in the darkness and matter, made the world; and Jesus Christ our Savior on the same day rose from the dead**”* (First Apology 67 [A.D. 155]). He said the observance of the Sabbath was a temporary Mosaic ordinance that God imposed exclusively on the Jews as *“a mark to single them out for punishment they so well deserve for their infidelities.”* God instituted the Sabbath at creation. God singled Israel out as His set apart, chosen, holy priesthood. Justin Martyr wrote that the “Christian” (Catholic) church was the “true church,” replacing Israel, and that the old covenant had passed away.. He is considered to be one of the great church fathers, and he said that the Catholic church held assembly on the first day of the week because it's the first day God made the world. **But God didn't command us to assemble on the 1st day to celebrate the 1st day of creation. He commanded us to assemble on the 7th day to remember that God is the creator of the earth!** Justin Martyr opposed the Jews and regarded Jews as an accursed people. He studied Socrates and Plato (philosophers). He said that Socrates and Heraclitus were Christians! He started his own school in Rome to teach his “mixed” theology. Paul warned the Colossian church about philosophy in **Colossians 2:8**, *“See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ.”* Justin was taken captive by this philosopher, which is why he promoted the false doctrine of replacing the Sabbath. He believed lies. The elemental spirits of the world (demons) were influencing him, not the Holy Spirit. He is venerated as a saint by the Catholic church. How terrible!

We need to remember that Catholicism is not true Christianity, because it's not “the way”. Yeshua is “the Way, the Truth, and the Life.” The Catholic church is actually the anti-way, the anti-truth, and the anti-life. *“Dialogue with Trypho the Jew”* is a written 2-day dialogue between Justin Martyr and Trypho, a Hellenized Jew. They argue about the differences between Judaism and the Catholic church. Justin said this about the Sabbath: *“The Lawgiver is present, yet you do not see Him; to the poor the Gospel is preached, the blind see, yet you do not understand. You have now need of a second circumcision, though you glory greatly in the flesh. The new law requires you **to keep perpetual sabbath**, and you, because you are idle for one day, suppose you are pious, not discerning why this has been commanded you: and if you eat unleavened bread, you say the will of God has been fulfilled. The Lord our God does not take pleasure in such observances: if anyone has impure hands, let him wash and be pure; if there is any perjured person or a thief among you, let him cease to be so; if any adulterer, let him repent; then he has kept the sweet and true sabbaths of God.”* Dialogue with Trypho the Jew Chapter XII. **Now we see where the idea of a perpetual Sabbath came from! Justin Martyr was saying that there was a new law. Where is this new law? It's not in the Bible. He it said it required everyone to keep a perpetual Sabbath. So now we see how these elemental spirits were influencing him. He believed Sunday replaced the Sabbath, and then he believed everyday replaced the Sabbath because the Sabbath was suddenly all 7 days of the week, but not a set apart day. It seems schizophrenic, and it is. And the Catholic church actually adopted both of those doctrines. Some Catholic church leaders agreed with Sunday as the replacement of Sabbath, and others agreed**

that everyday could be the Sabbath. But the Roman Catholic church is the ROOT of both doctrines, and the root before them is paganism. This is the root they're grafted into!. The Christian church adopted the Catholic traditions and doctrines that hold today, and people hold to them tightly. And in doing so, the church is "mixing."

Justin Martyr is basically the father of these demonic doctrines: (1) "replacement theology" (the Gentile Church replaced Israel and Jews are now excluded, divorced) and (2) God's Law has been replaced, and (3) the Sabbath has been replaced with a perpetual Sabbath in Yeshua. These are ALL dangerous and heretical doctrines. Satan always wants to replace what God establishes. People have respected Justin Martyr and consider him an authority. This goes to show how deceived people are. The patterns of these demonic doctrines begin to develop and be distributed by many church fathers in the coming years and centuries as we will see. If you read the writings of these early Catholic bishops, they are hard to understand. The writing is almost intentionally meant not to be understood. This is what the enemy wants-confusion.

Origen (Catholic Bishop, 184-253 A.D.)

Origen is thought of as one of the great early church fathers. Origen tried to harmonize Christianity with Neo-Platonism. According the Encyclopedia Britannica, "platonism came to dominate the Greek philosophical schools and remained predominant until the teaching of philosophy by pagans ended in the second half of the 6th century CE." Origen "mixed" just like Justin Martyr. He believed in the pre-existence of souls, reincarnation. He believed that everyone, including the devil, would be saved. He said that if Satan fell by will, even he could repent. His interpretations pushed the boundaries of the doctrines most people believed. Some of his followers rejected his teachings, and some thought he was a devil. They probably had good reason. There were elemental spirits (demons) working behind him and through him. "Every soul... comes into the world strengthened by the victories or weakened by the defeats of its' previous life. Its' place in this world as a vessel appointed to honor or dishonor, is determined by its' previous merits or demerits. Its' work in this world determines its' place in the world which is to follow this." Does this sound like the gospel? Origen believed pagan beliefs and philosophy. He believed the enemy. He was a Catholic Bishop, but he wasn't a Christian. He wasn't a follower of Christ. The doctrines of Justin Martyr developed further through Origen. When you add lie upon lie, eventually people will believe it. Satan was at work advancing his lies.

"Hence it is not possible that the [day of] rest after the Sabbath should have come into existence from the seventh [day] of our God. On the contrary, it is our Savior who, after the pattern of his own rest, caused us to be made in the likeness of his death, and hence also of his resurrection" (Commentary on John 2:28 [A.D. 229]). He is saying that the Sabbath day of God is replaced by the pattern of the resurrection, Sunday, by Yeshua's rest but He doesn't even know when Yeshua rested and when He was resurrected. Albert Henry Newman, Pioneer Baptist church historian, says, Origen believed "that every passage of Scripture has three senses, the literal, the moral, and the spiritual." Origen set aside the literal meaning of scripture and asserted a "spiritual" interpretation, a "mystical Sabbath." Mysticism isn't faith, it's spirituality, a counterfeit for faith. Origen interpreted the concept of the Sabbath as a truth that can become what anyone wants it to be in Scripture. I don't believe God gave us the scripture to interpret it "spiritually" or "mystically." He gave it to us to interpret its literal meaning!

The Didascalia, 230 A.D.?

The document considered to be a legal treatise of the early Catholic church contains the Sabbath doctrines of Justin Martyr and Origen. The enemy was continuing to try to replace the Sabbath and convince people the Sabbath no longer existed. "The apostles further appointed: On the first day of the week let there be service, and the reading of the holy scriptures, and the oblation [sacrifice of the Mass], because on the first day of the week [i.e., Sunday] our Lord rose from the place of the dead, and on the first day of the week he arose upon the world, and on the first day of the week he ascended up to heaven, and on the first day of the week he will appear at last with the angels of heaven" (Didascalia 2 [A.D. 225]). The Bible doesn't say that Yeshua will appear at last on the first day of the week. This was made up to try to substantiate the claim that Sunday worship was legitimate.

Constantine the Great (272-337 A.D.)

Constantine was responsible for the height of the replacement of Sabbath to Sunday and for the growth and expansion of Roman Catholic church's power, politically and religiously. "It appeared an unworthy thing that in the celebration of this most holy feast [Passover] we should follow the practice of the Jews Let us then have nothing in common with the detestable Jewish crowd." Constantine hated the Jewish people, just as many of the Roman Catholic bishops. He didn't want people celebrating Passover, because he considered it Jewish, although it was Biblical, a commandment of God.

He created the first law of the Roman Empire regarding the day of rest and made Sunday the day of rest for the entire Roman empire. "On the venerable day of the sun let the magistrate and people residing in cities rest, and let all workshops be closed. In the country however, persons engaged in agricultural work may freely and lawfully continue their pursuits; because it often happens that another day is not so suitable for grain growing or for vine planting; lest by neglecting the proper moment for such operations the bounty of heaven should be lost." He made a Law replacing the

Sabbath day of rest with Sunday, unless people lived the country and needed to do farming, because he realized the people needed crops and a good harvest.

Constantine printed coins which *“bore on the one side the letters of the name of Christ, on the other the figure of the sun god.”* Arthur P. Stanley, *History of the Eastern Church*, lect. vi, par. 14. This is the epidemy of *“mixing”*. **He mixed Yeshua with sun worship. He claimed to be a Christian but remained a pagan until he was baptized right before his death. The enemy used another powerful figure, the Roman emperor, to remove God’s commandments. Satan was trying to set up another church and system to “replace” Yeshua’s assembly. Satan has used Rome again and again to try to eliminate Yeshua’s bride, God’s people.**

Victorinus (Patron saint, 250-304 A.D.)

Victorinus was also influenced by Origen. *“And let the parascève become a rigorous fast, lest we should appear to observe any Sabbath with the Jews, which Christ Himself, the Lord of the Sabbath, says by His prophets that ‘His soul hateth’ which Sabbath He in His body abolished.”* (*The Creation of the World [A.D. 300]*). **He said that Yeshua hated the Sabbath! BUT YESHUA KEPT THE SABBATH, SO THIS IS A LIE! Yeshua did not hate the Sabbath nor abolish it. Rather, He kept it and loved it because it was His Father’s will, and because He created the world along with God and rested on the Sabbath after creation. Matthew 5:18** tells us what Yeshua thinks about the commandments: *“Whosoever therefore shall break one of the least of these commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.”* **Yeshua does not hate the Sabbath. He is Lord of the Sabbath! The Catholic church tells more lies to try to get people to believe Sunday worship is legitimate. Since there was no Biblical support to change Sabbath to Sunday, they made things up because the Catholic church, a pollical-religious power with the backing of the political powers in Rome had the authority to force people to comply with their laws. Satan used religion and the political system to abolish the Sabbath.**

Uesibius of Ceasarea (Bishop, 260-340 A.D.)

*“The day of his [Christ’s] light . . . was the day of his resurrection from the dead, which **they say** (who is “they”?), as being **the one and only truly holy day and the Lord’s day**, is better than any number of days as we ordinarily understand them, and **better than the days set apart by the Mosaic law for feasts, new moons, and Sabbaths**, which the apostle [Paul] teaches are the shadow of days and **not days in reality”** (*Proof of the Gospel 4:16:186 [A.D. 319]*). He referenced **Colossians 2:16-17**, and now you should see why these verses are so misquoted to argue that the appointed times of the Lord are just shadows, therefore; we don’t have to observe them. This comes from Roman Catholicism. Uesibius, another Catholic Bishop lied about the apostle Paul and what he taught. He said that the day of Christ’s light was the day of His resurrection, **but Yeshua said in John 8:12, “I am the light of the world.”** He didn’t have one day He was light. He was and is light every day! **His doctrine had no Biblical support. It was a demonic doctrine and a myth. 1 Timothy 4:7 says, “Have nothing to do with irreverent, silly myths. Rather train yourself for godliness.”** The way we train ourselves is by studying the Word of God, learning what it says and doing it. That’s what godly people do. They don’t follow the traditions of the Roman Catholic church, which are defiled.*

In addition to trying to replace the Sabbath, they also tried to eliminate Rosh Chodesh (the head of the month) and the Feasts of the Lord. They replaced Passover with Easter, the feast of the pagan goddess Eostarte. The celebrated Saturnalia, a pagan holiday, mixed it with the story of the birth of Jesus and renamed it Christmas to get the world to follow its traditions rather than celebrate the Feasts of the Lord. They removed people who believed in Yeshua very far from the “Jewish” (Biblical) traditions (commandments). They went against God’s word, which commands us not to learn the ways of pagans in **Jeremiah 10:2**. They also set up many feast days for their *“saints”*: Mary, the epiphany, and Candlemas are examples of their feasts. **Like Sunday worship, Easter and Christmas, these are feasts that are nowhere in the Bible.** God didn’t ask the Israelites to observe the feasts of other nations. In fact, He commanded against it. **They were to observe HIS feasts. The Catholic church didn’t want people to adhere to God’s feasts, so they instituted their own. They say the church has more authority than the Word of God.** So they claim authority to do these things, but in reality they have no authority. **Who has authority? God and Yeshua!**

They also instituted their own liturgies and sacraments which are **not commanded by God**. According to Wikipedia, *“In the current General Calendar from the Third Edition of the Roman Missal, these are:*

- *The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, celebrated on the Sunday between December 25 and January 1, or if there is no Sunday in that range (when December 25 and January 1 fall on Sundays), on December 30.^{[3][4]}*
- *The Baptism of the Lord, celebrated on the Sunday after January 6 (or, where the Solemnity of the Epiphany is transferred to the Sunday that occurs on January 7 or 8, on the following Monday)^[5]*
- *The Presentation of the Lord, celebrated on 2 February*
- *The Transfiguration of the Lord, celebrated on 6 August*
- *The Exaltation of the Holy Cross, celebrated on 14 September*
- *The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, celebrated on 9 November (this is a feast of the Lord because the basilica is dedicated to him under the title of the Most Holy Saviour).”*

I hope you're starting to see that this church is NOT the church of Yeshua. **This is what the Roman Catholic church did with Sunday: they took a pagan day, put the Lord's name on it, and used it as a way to get people to keep it. People didn't know the roots were pagan. They didn't know this was when the pagans worshipped the sun gods in almost every culture/kingdom.**

Cyril of Jerusalem (Bishop of Jerusalem 315 A.D. – 386 A.D.)

"Fall not away either into the sect of the Samaritans or into Judaism, for Jesus Christ has henceforth ransomed you. Stand aloof from all observance of Sabbaths and from calling any indifferent meats common or unclean" (Catechetical Lectures 4:37 [A.D. 350]). The Bishop of Jerusalem is telling the church not to observe God's Sabbath or clean according to the Bible. He is telling the Roman Catholics in Jerusalem that Sabbath did not have to be observed! He was telling them to break the commandments of God. This is the city with God's name on it and he's telling people that the Jewish Messiah was not to be believed or followed. Yeshua kept the Sabbath. He ate clean meats.

Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople (347- 407 A.D.)

No church leader is more responsible for antisemitism in the collective church than Chrysostom. This is an example of His writing On the Priesthood (Homilies on the Statutes 12:9): *"When, for instance, He gave commandment concerning the Sabbath— 'On the seventh day you shall do no work'—He subjoined also the reason for this cessation. What was this? 'Because on the seventh day God rested from all his works which he had begun to make' [Ex. 20:10-11]. . . . For what purpose then, I ask, did he add a reason respecting the Sabbath, but did no such thing in regard to murder? Because this commandment was not one of the leading ones. It was not one of those which were accurately defined of our conscience, but a kind of partial and temporary one, and for this reason it was abolished afterward. But those which are necessary and uphold our life are the following: 'You shall not kill. . . . You shall not commit adultery. . . . You shall not steal.'* On this account he adds no reason in this case, **nor enters into any instruction on the matter, but is content with the bare prohibition."** Chrysostom proved himself a liar and a perverter of Scripture. The Sabbath commandment was the 4th commandment, the longest commandment, and the commandment with more details/instruction than any other commandment! He said that the Sabbath commandment was partial and temporary and was abolished!

Chrysostom said this of Paul in Homilies on Galatians 2:17: *"He said 'You have put on Christ, you have become a member of the Lord and been enrolled in the heavenly city, and you still grovel in the law [of Moses]?' How is it possible for you to obtain the kingdom? Listen to Paul's words, that the observance of the law overthrows the gospel, and learn, if you will, how this comes to pass, and tremble, and shun this pitfall. Why do you keep the Sabbath and fast with the Jews?"* The Christian church teaches that the Law of Moses has been overthrown today! The Catholic church wanted to stamp out this **"anticatholic heresy"** to bring everyone under subjection to the papacy, a tool of Satan.

Eight of Chrysostom's sermons led to Christian antisemitism, and were extensively used by the Nazis in their campaign against the Jews. Here are 4 quotes from *Adversus Judaeos For: Against the Jews*:

- 1) *"What is this disease? The festivals of the pitiful and miserable Jews are soon to march upon us one after the other and in quick succession: the feast of Trumpets, the feast of Tabernacles, the fasts. There are many in our ranks who say they think as we do. Yet some of these are going to watch the festivals and others will join the Jews in keeping their feasts and observing their fasts. I wish to drive this perverse custom from the Church right now....But now that the Jewish festivals are close by and at the very door, if I should fail to cure those who are sick with the Judaizing disease. I am afraid that, because of their ill-suited association and deep ignorance, some Christians may partake in the Jews' transgressions."* (page 2) **He preached that God's commandments were perverse customs—blasphemy! He called the Feasts of the Lord a disease! This proves that Christians were keeping the Sabbath and celebrating Jewish festivals in the 4th century AD!**
- 2) *"But do not be surprised that I called the Jews pitiable. They really are pitiable and miserable. When so many blessings from heaven came into their hands, they thrust them aside and were at great pains to reject them. The morning Sun of Justice arose for them, but they thrust aside its rays and still sit in darkness. We, who were nurtured by darkness, drew the light to ourselves and were freed from the gloom of their error. They were the branches of that holy root, but those branches were broken. We had no share in the root, but we did reap the fruit of godliness (page 2).... But see how thereafter the order was changed about: they became dogs, and we became the children. Paul said of the Jews: "Beware of the dogs, beware of the evil workers, beware of the mutilation. For we are the circumcision". Do you see how those who at first were children became dogs? Do you wish to find out how we, who at first were dogs, became children? "But to as many as received him, he gave the power of becoming sons of God."* (page 3) **Chrysostom ignored Paul's warning to the Gentiles who came to faith in Yeshua in Romans 11:18-20 "do not be arrogant toward the branches. If you are, remember it is not you who support the root, but the root that supports you. Then you will say, 'Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in.' That is true. They were broken off because of their unbelief, but you stand fast through faith. So do not become proud, but fear."** Chrysostom's was both arrogant and in error. Then he twists Paul's letter to the Philippian church: He says that all of the Jews who were children became dogs. But Paul was not

addressing all of the Jewish people in Philippians 3. He was ONLY addressing the circumcision faction, a small faction of Jews who tried to force Gentile converts into adult circumcision. **Now you can see the effect of the inquisition and the Roman Catholic church removing Bibles from the laymen: they didn't know the Scripture and they believed the bishop's lies. And the bishops didn't know Scripture either. Hopefully you can also see how antisemitism started in the church and why the church has separated itself from the things of Israel.**

- 3) *"Nothing is more miserable than those people who never failed to attack their own salvation. When there was need to observe the Law, they trampled it under foot. Now that the Law has ceased to bind, they obstinately strive to observe it. What could be more pitiable than those who provoke God not only by transgressing the Law but also by keeping it?"* (page 3)
- 4) *"Although such beasts are unfit for work, they are fit for killing. And this is what happened to the Jews: while they were making themselves unfit for work, they grew fit for slaughter. This is why Christ said: 'But as for these my enemies, who did not want me to be king over them, bring them here and slay them'. You Jews should have fasted then, when drunkenness was doing those terrible things to you, when your gluttony was giving birth to your ungodliness—not now. Now your fasting is untimely and an abomination."* (page 4) **This may be one of the most antisemitic things you will ever read or hear. What a perversion of the Bible!** He doesn't understand the Mosaic covenant, the result of Israel's disobedience, he doesn't know who Israel is, the promise of their restoration, and he condemns all Jews for the sins of some of the Israelites. But there was ALWAYS a remnant of Israel and there is today.

Chrysostom proves he is an antisemite and NOT a follower of Yeshua. He calls those who are keeping the commandments of God abominable and says they are fit for killing. He calls all Jewish people Yeshua's enemies, but Yeshua is clear about who His enemies are: those who disobey, who bow to the antichrist or his image, and take his mark. It's hard to imagine that this was written by someone who claimed to be a follower of Yeshua. If Hitler read things like this, it would've been easy for him to be brain-washed. Chrysostom's writings were Hitler's religious foundation for what he did to the Jews. The enemy used two evil people and two evil kingdoms to kill the Jews.

He embraced the idea that Jews were collectively responsible for the crucifixion of Yeshua and added that they continued to rejoice in Yeshua's death. This idea is in the Christian church today! Christians who were keeping Shabbat and Jewish festivals were believers and followers of Yeshua! **He compared the synagogue to a pagan temple, representing it as the source of all vices and heresies.** Yeshua went to the synagogue. He taught in the synagogue. The disciples taught in the synagogues. The apostles and the early church worshipped in the synagogues. He described the synagogue as a place worse than a brothel and a drinking shop; *"it was a den of scoundrels, the repair of wild beasts, a temple of brigands and debauchees, and the cavern of devils, a criminal assembly of the assassins of Christ."* According to Wikipedia, *"He also refers to Jews as outsiders, illnesses, idolaters, lewd, and beast-like."* **He declared that he hated the synagogue and the Jews. His homilies have been circulated by many groups to foster anti-Semitism. The nazis used his works to foster anti-Semitism."** Yeshua, a Jewish man, the Jewish Messiah, and the King of the Jews did NOT hate His own people. He loved them so much, He died for them. How awful, that someone who claimed to follow him and leader of his "supposed" church would say those things!

Jerome of Stridon (Latin Priest, 342-420 A.D.)

Jerome explained Sunday worship: *"if it is called the day of the sun by the pagans, we most willingly acknowledge it as such, since it is on this day that the light of the world appeared and on this day the Sun of Justice [Jesus Christ] has risen."* A Catholic priest said that if Sunday were called the day of the sun by the pagans, they would acknowledge it. **Mithras, a pagan god, was called the Sun of Justice. Yeshua was called the Sun of Righteousness. Malachi 4:2 says, "But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in His wings."** The Catholic church acknowledged the pagan day of worship and adopted the day of the sun as the day of worship for the Catholic church. So, Jerome called Yeshua the name of a pagan god, Mithras. **The evidence of his mixing, his Hellenization, is evident.**

Augustine of Hippo (Saint Augustine, Bishop of Hippo Regius 354-430 A.D.)

"Well, now, I should like to be told what there is in these ten commandments, except the observance of the Sabbath, which ought not to be kept by a Christian" (*The Spirit and the Letter* 24 [A.D. 412]). In his Reply to Faustus the Manichæan, Book XIX.-9, he wrote: *"So, when you ask why a Christian does not keep the Sabbath, if Christ came not to destroy the law, but to fulfill it, my reply is, that a Christian does not keep the Sabbath precisely because what was prefigured in the Sabbath is fulfilled in Christ. For we have our Sabbath in Him who said, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls."* According to Christianity today *"The Christian church also faced attack from internal heretics. The potential destruction of culture, civilization, and the church was more than an occasional nightmare—it was perceived as an immediate threat. And Augustine answered with such wisdom, his responses are still considered by some to be the church's most important writings after the Bible."* **We see the early doctrines of Justin Martyr and Origen had taken root in about 200 years and were being widely spread in Catholicism. The Roman**

Catholic church was afraid of the destruction of Roman (pagan) culture, civilization, and their church, so they attempted to destroy God's Law!

Augustine taught that the Sabbath was fulfilled in Christ (The replacement theology of the Sabbath to Sunday continues). **We see this teaching in the church today, a teaching that came from the Catholic church! The church is following the Catholic church (man) and not God!**

Augustine believed that the ten commandments should be kept, but not the Sabbath! He also believed Mary was an ever-virgin. He upheld the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. He did not think that God had chosen Israel as a special people even though Scripture is clear that He did. **So much antibiblical doctrine in this church? Can this be the church of Yeshua?**

Council of Laodicea (A.D. 360, the council of church fathers of the Catholic church):

"Christians must not Judaize by resting on the Sabbath but should work on that day; rather honouring the Lord's day and, if they can, resting then as Christians. But if any found to be Judaizers, let them be anathema (suspended or set aside) from Christ" (Canon 29 [A.D. 360]). There were 60 canons decreed at this council, but **canon 29 pursued the outlawing of the Sabbath (Saturday) and replacing it with Sunday.** By the 6th century, the church wanted to excommunicate and condemn as heretics those who kept the Sabbath and the Feasts of the Lord. They could and did excommunicate those they labeled heretics. They wanted their dogmas, not the Bible.

The Apostolic Constitutions (A.D. 400)

"And on the day of our Lord's resurrection, which is the Lord's day, meet more diligently, sending praise to God that made the universe by Jesus, and sent him to us, and condescended to let him suffer, and raised him from the dead. Otherwise what apology will he make to God who does not assemble on that day . . . in which is performed the reading of the prophets, the preaching of the gospel, the oblation of the sacrifice, the gift of the holy food" (Apostolic Constitutions 2:7:60 [A.D. 400]). God made the universe and rested on the 7th day. God told us to remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. He never commanded us to keep Sunday holy. **He never commanded us to keep the 1st day of the week! What a blasphemy that they called the Roman Catholic constitutions the apostolic constitutions. The apostles would have been completely opposed to their doctrines!**

Pope Gregory 1 (540-604 A.D.)

*"It has come to my ears that certain men of **perverse spirit** have sown among you some things that are wrong and opposed to **the holy faith** (the Catholic faith), so as to forbid any work being done on the Sabbath day. What else can I call these [men] but preachers of Antichrist, who when he comes will cause the Sabbath day as well as the Lord's day to be kept free from all work. For because he [the Antichrist] pretends to die and rise again, he wishes the Lord's day to be held in reverence; and because he compels the people to Judaize that he may bring back the outward rite of the law, and subject the perfidy of the Jews to himself, he wishes the Sabbath to be observed. For this which is said by the prophet, 'You shall bring in no burden through your gates on the Sabbath day' [Jer. 17:24] could be held to as long as it was lawful for the law to be observed according to the letter. But after that the grace of almighty God, our Lord Jesus Christ, has appeared, the commandments of the law which were spoken figuratively cannot be kept according to the letter. For if anyone says that this about the Sabbath is to be kept, he must needs say that carnal sacrifices are to be offered. He must say too that the commandment about the circumcision of the body is still to be retained. But let him hear the apostle Paul saying in opposition to him: 'If you be circumcised, Christ will profit you nothing' [Gal. 5:2]" (Letters 13:1 [A.D. 597]).*

He said that men of perverse spirits were forbidding work being done on the Sabbath day. He said they were preachers of antichrist. He doesn't want the Sabbath to be kept! He takes Jer 17:24 completely out of context. Jeremiah 17:24 says "But if you are careful to obey me, declares the Lord, and bring no load through the gates of this city on the Sabbath, but keep the Sabbath day holy by not doing any work on it, then kings who sit on David's throne will come through the gates of this city with their officials." The Lord was telling Jeremiah to tell all of Judah to do no work on the Sabbath day and to bring no loads on the Sabbath day, but to hallow it, just as God had commanded their fathers! The POPE said that if anyone believes the Sabbath is to be kept, they also believe that carnal sacrifices are to be offered (pagan) and that circumcision is still to be retained. **The Sabbath is not a ceremonial law. It is a commandment. Carnal sacrifices were pagan sacrifices, so the POPE is equating Sabbath keepers with pagans! He makes the true Israel to be the preachers of antichrist for observing the Sabbath of Jehovah! However, the POPE operates in the antichrist spirit.**

And during the inquisition, during the crusades (mainly between the 11th and 13th centuries) Jewish people suffered intense persecution as powerful leaders of the Catholic church tried to force them to renounce Judaism and convert.

Thomas Aquinas, (Catholic priest, 1,225-1,274 A.D.)

Thomas Aquinas was a priest, and the father of a school of thought known as Thomism. According to Wikipedia, he embraced several ideas put forward by Greek philosopher Aristotle. **He combined the philosophy of Aristotle with the principles of Christianity (Catholic Christianity), but the Catholic church regards him as a saint and a model teacher for**

the priesthood. Just like with Justin Martyr and Origen, the Roman Catholic church tolerated and venerated “*mixing.*” He levitated, which is demonic, and had supposed “*mystical experiences,*” which are demonic. Thomas said: “*The right Christian faith consists in giving one's voluntary assent to Christ in all that truly belongs to His teaching. There are, therefore, two ways of deviating from Christianity: the one by refusing to believe in Christ Himself, which is the way of infidelity, common to Pagans and Jews; the other by restricting belief to certain points of Christ's doctrine selected and fashioned at pleasure, which is the way of heretics. The subject-matter of both faith and heresy is, therefore, the deposit of the faith, that is, the sum total of truths revealed in Scripture and Tradition as proposed to our belief by the Church. The believer accepts the whole deposit as proposed by the Church; the heretic accepts only such parts of it as commend themselves to his own approval. The heretical tenets may be ignorance of the true creed, erroneous judgment, imperfect apprehension and comprehension of dogmas: in none of these does the will play an appreciable part, wherefore one of the necessary conditions of sinfulness--free choice--is wanting and such heresy is merely objective, or material. On the other hand the will may freely incline the intellect to adhere to tenets declared false by the Divine teaching authority of the Church. The impelling motives are many: intellectual pride or Exaggerated reliance on one's own insight; the illusions of religious zeal; the allurements of political or ecclesiastical power; the ties of material interests and personal status; and perhaps others more dishonourable. Heresy thus willed is imputable to the subject and carries with it a varying degree of guilt; it is called formal, because to the material error it adds the informative element of 'freely willed'. For as long as one remains willing to submit to the Church's decision he remains a Catholic Christian at heart and his wrong beliefs are only transient errors and fleeting opinions. Considering that the human intellect can assent only to truth, real or apparent, studied pertinacity — as distinct from wanton opposition — supposes a firm subjective conviction which may be sufficient to inform the conscience and create "good faith". Such firm convictions result either from circumstances over which the heretic has no control or from intellectual delinquencies in themselves more or less voluntary and imputable. A man born and nurtured in heretical surroundings may live and die without ever having a doubt as to the truth of his creed. On the other hand a born Catholic may allow himself to drift into whirls of anti-Catholic thought from which no doctrinal authority can rescue him, and where his mind becomes incrustated with convictions, or considerations sufficiently powerful to overlay his Catholic conscience. It is not for man, but for Him who searcheth the mind and heart, to sit in judgment on the guilt which attaches to an heretical conscience.” Talking about the pot calling the kettle black, the man who mixed paganism with Christ's teachings and who claims it is heretical is himself a heretic. His claim was that the Catholic Church has the divine teaching authority over all believers in Yeshua. This in itself is blasphemy! He asserts that the Catholic church is the mediator and interpreter of Scripture. This is a complete contradiction to Scripture. None of the Catholic church's traditions are revealed in Scripture. They are all man-made, doctrines of demons.*

5. THE CATHOLIC CHURCH ADMITS IT CHANGED THE SABBATH AND INSTITUTED A NEW LAW AND THAT IT'S NOT IN THE BIBLE—IT'S THE CATHOLIC CHURCH'S LAW

“*In the New Law (this is replacement theology of God's Law) the observance of the Lord's Day (Sunday) took the place of the observance of the Sabbath (Saturday), not by virtue of the precept (of God), but by the institution of the Roman church and the custom (tradition) of Christian people.*” The New Advent.org, Summa Theologiae, Question 122, Article 4, reply to Objection to Article 4. It wasn't the Christian people who worshipped on Sunday. Pagans worshipped on Sunday, the day of the sun. **The Catholics instituted the new law observance of the Lord's day and worshipped on the day pagans worshipped and changed God's Law. This wasn't God's law—this was the Catholic church's law.** The Catholic church was separating itself from Christianity.

The Douay Catechism of 1649 (p. 143)

“*Q: What is Sunday, or the Lord's Day in General?*

A: It is a day dedicated by the Apostles to the HONOUR OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY, and in memory that Christ our Lord arose from the dead upon Sunday, sent down the Holy Ghost on a Sunday, &c. and therefore is called the Lord's Day.

It is also called Sunday from the old Roman denomination of **DIES SOLIS, THE DAY OF THE SUN, to which it was sacred.**

Sunday was a day sacred to the heathen denomination of Dies Solis. Sol Invictus (“*unconquered sun*”) was the official sun god of the later Roman empire. On December 25, AD 274, Roman emperor Aurelian tried to establish the cult of Sol Invictus as an official religion. There were 3 temples of the sun god in Rome. Constantine legislated on Sunday under the heathen denomination of Dies Solis. In fact, the Constantinian dispositions on Sunday indicated the Dies Solis as a day of weekly rest in order to furnish the Roman citizens a weekly space of time dedicated to the observance of vows to the Roman gods.”

James Cardinal Gibbons, (American Bishop 1,834—1,921 A.D.)

“*You may read the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, and you will not find a single line authorizing the sanctification of Sunday. The scriptures enforce the religious observance of Saturday.*” James Cardinal Gibbons, *The Faith of Our Fathers* (1917 ed.), pp.72,73

Catholic Virginian, Oct 3, 1947

“*Nowhere in the Bible do we find that Jesus or the apostles ordered that the Sabbath be changed from Saturday to Sunday. We have the commandment of God given at creation then to Moses to keep holy the Sabbath day, that is, the*

Seventh day of the week, Saturday. **Today, all Christians keep Sunday because it has been revealed to us by the [Roman] church outside the Bible."**

The National Catholic Register, October 12, 2012

"First, let's clear away a potential source of confusion. While it's true that people sometimes speak of Sunday as "the Christian sabbath," this is a loose way of speaking. **Strictly speaking, the Sabbath is the day it always was--Saturday--though it should be noted that traditionally Jewish people have celebrated the Sabbath from sundown on Friday to sundown on Saturday.** Sunday is a distinct day, which follows the Sabbath. The Catechism of the Catholic Church Explains: 'Sunday is Expressly distinguished from the Sabbath which it follows chronologically every week; for Christians, its ceremonial observance replaces that of the Sabbath. In Christ's Passover, Sunday fulfills the spiritual truth of the Jewish Sabbath and announces man's eternal rest in God. For worship under the Law prepared for the mystery of Christ, and what was done there prefigured some aspects.'

"Why We Celebrate Sunday. That same paragraph Explains why we celebrate on Sunday. For Christians, the ceremonial observance of Sunday **replaces that of the Sabbath. Properly speaking, we're not celebrating the Sabbath on Sunday. We're celebrating something else, but it's something that the Sabbath points toward.** As the Catechism says, the Jewish Sabbath announces man's eternal rest in God and prefigures some aspects of Christ. **Sunday thus fulfills what the Sabbath pointed toward."**

"We" is the Catholic church. **They're statement is that Sunday fulfills what the Sabbath pointed toward. What did the Sabbath point toward? Where is this in the Bible?** They taught that the Sabbath pointed toward Yeshua, and now we can rest in Yeshua. **But the Bible doesn't say this.** Sunday doesn't fulfill the spiritual truth of the Sabbath (it isn't Jewish, it's the Lord's). **The Sabbath actually points to the 7th millennium, the time of rest when Satan will be bound for 1,000 years and Yeshua will reign on the earth.** Sunday is the 1st day, and it doesn't point to anything. The 1st day is in the past. The Catholic church has replaced the Sabbath with something else, Sunday worship, a pagan day of worship that wasn't commanded to keep. Then they commanded (as if they had authority to) people to worship on Sunday rather than on the Sabbath of God.

We're going to look at some catholic artwork. I want to show you how much paganism is mixed in the Roman Catholic church. When you look at Catholic artwork, you see halos and suns over people's head. This "halo" is actually a nimbus, a sign of sun worship. The sun is found in much of the statues and artwork in the Catholic church Sun worship was marked using the nimbus. It is a very devious way of mixing idolatrous sun worship with Christianity by people who weren't following Yeshua. The pagan halo (nimbus) became a very misleading custom in Christian (Catholic) art.



The images on the top are gods of Babylonian art, Egyptian art, the zodiac, a tarot card, and Hindu art. The gods have the nimbus above their heads. The images at the bottom are Jesus with the nimbus around His head, the people with nimbus' on their heads, a woman with a nimbus on her head, the saints on the throne with Yeshua (they pray to the saints) holding the nimbus and with a nimbus around His head and around the heads of everyone in the painting, The sun, nimbus is in on the gold cross. The sun is much bigger than the cross, and notice how the cross sits on the sun.

This is the church. The cross of Jesus concealing sun worship. This proves that the Catholic church was influenced by sun worship and paganism.

6. SUNDAY IS THE "MARK OF AUTHORITY" OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH:

Karl Keating, Catholic Apologist:

"Fundamentalists met for worship on Sunday, yet there is no evidence in the Bible that corporate worship was to be made on Sundays. The Jewish Sabbath, or day of rest, was, of course, Saturday. It was the Catholic Church that decided Sunday should be the day of worship for Christians, in honor of the resurrection." Catholicism and Fundamentalism, pg. 38.

The Catholic Encyclopedia, vol 4, p. 153 says this:

Q: Why do we observe Sunday instead of Sabbath?

A: Because the Catholic church transferred the solemnity from Saturday to Sunday.

Saturday wasn't changed to Sunday by God.

Keenan's A Doctrinal Catechism 1876 says:

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

A: Had she not such power, she could not have done that in which all modern religionists agree with her: she could not have substituted the observance of Sunday, the first day of the week, for the observance of Saturday, a change for which there is NO scriptural authority. It's important to note that Keenan says all modern religionists agree with the Roman Catholic church in observing Sunday instead of the Biblical Sabbath.

The Convert's Catechism of Catholic Doctrine, 50

"We observe Sunday instead of Saturday because the Catholic church in the council of Laddicea, A. D. 363 transferred the solemnity from Saturday to Sunday." Mark 11: 27-28 says "By what authority are You doing these things, or who gave You this authority to do them? The chief priests, scribes, and elders asked him this." Yeshua has the authority. The Catholic church does not. This Catholic author is reasoning with Protestants. He is saying "if you want to go by the Bible, and observe the REAL Lord's day, you should keep the 7th day Sabbath. If you don't want to go by the Bible, you should continue to follow the Catholic church who claims the authority over the Bible to change God's law." Claiming authority to change God's Law is the height of pride and rebellion against God.

The Catholic Virginian

"Nowhere in the Bible do we find that Jesus or the apostles ordered that the Sabbath be changed from Saturday to Sunday. We have the commandment of God given at creation then to Moses to keep holy the Sabbath day, that is, the Seventh day of the week, Saturday. Today, all Christians keep Sunday because it has been revealed to us by the [Roman] church outside the Bible." Catholic Virginian, Oct. 3, 1947

The Catholic Record of London, September 1, 1923

"Sunday is our mark of authority The church is above the Bible, and this transference of Sabbath observance is proof of that fact" The Catholic church had the audacity to say that they were above the Bible! They were heretics but accused the people of God of being heretics. They said that their mark of authority is Sunday. Yeshua said, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth." Yeshua has authority, not a man-made religion (church). The Catholic church claims to have divine teaching authority, but it is full of heresy and apostasy. Pope Leo XIII wrote in a letter in 1894: "We (popes) hold upon this earth the place of God Almighty."

Schaff's History of the Christian Church, vol. III, chap. 75.

"They (Catholics) rested on the day of the sun, the day the pagans worshipped." Catholics admit that the Bible says the Sabbath is the day of worship.

The Catholic World, Mar 1994, pg 809

"The sun was a foremost god with heathendom. There is, in truth, something royal, kingly about the sun, making it a fit emblem of Jesus, the Sun of Justice. Hence the Church in these countries would seem to have said 'keep that old pagan name. It shall remain consecrated, sanctified.' And thus pagan Sunday, dedicated to Balder (a god in Norse mythology) became the Christian Sunday, sacred to Jesus."

The Catholic National, 1985

"The Pope is not only the representative of Jesus Christ, but he is Jesus Christ himself hidden under the veil of flesh." The Pope claimed to be Jesus Christ in the flesh and this is what the Catholic church claims as well. This is blasphemy!

The Saint Catherine Catholic Church Sentinel, May 21, 1995

*“Perhaps the boldest thing, the most revolutionary change the Church ever did, happened in the first century. The holy day (God’s holy day), the Sabbath, was changed from Saturday to Sunday. ‘The Day of the Lord’ (dies domini) was chosen, **NOT from any direction noted in the Scriptures, but from the Church’s sense of its own power . . . People who think that the Scriptures should be the sole authority, should logically . . . keep Saturday holy**” (emphasis added). Most Christians don’t know why they go to church on Sunday, and why generations ago they were to rest. They don’t know why blue laws were instituted or other things about the history of Sunday. And most Christians don’t know they are following an apostate church, the Catholic church, in Sunday worship,.*

Catholic News Agency (Sept. 8, 2021)

*Many Catholics do not know why **they must attend Sunday Mass under pain of committing grave sin**, which can put one’s salvation in jeopardy. Those who lived according to the old order of things have come to a new hope, no longer keeping the Sabbath, but the Lord’s Day, in which our life is blessed by him and by his death” (CCC 2175). A New Sabbath, Brian Pizzalato, September 8, 2021. He’s almost directly quoting Ignatius. **The Catholic church claims that not attending Sunday Mass is a sin, but they don’t admit that not keeping the Sabbath of the Lord is a sin.***

*“Of course the Catholic Church claims that the change (Saturday Sabbath to Sunday) was her act...**And the act is a MARK of her ecclesiastical authority in religious things.**” H.F. Thomas, Chancellor of Cardinal Gibbons.*

Our Sunday Visitor, February 5, 1950

*“Protestants do not realize that by observing Sunday worship instead of Saturday Sabbath, **that they accept the authority of the Holy Father of the Church, the Pope.**”----- This is exactly right. The church claims to keep Sunday to celebrate the resurrection, but they don’t teach where this comes from.*

The Sabbath is God’s sign mark that people are God’s own people. “I gave them My Sabbaths, as a sign between me and them, that they might know that I am the Lord who sanctifies them.” Ezekiel 20:11-12, Exodus 31:16.

Avram Yehoshua, The Sabbath and Yeshua, the Seed of Abraham, Nov 22,2021

*“The Catholic church relies on **its own authority** for this (changing and negating laws), much the way the Pharisees elevated their teaching above the word of God.” “When the reformation came along in the 1500s and Protestant churches began springing up, they took with them, without realizing it, a number of heresies from the Roman Catholic church. One of them was Sunday. **Protestant churches have become the unwitting daughters of the Roman Catholic church in this area.**” pg. 2.*

Development of Christian Doctrine, pages 372, 373 says that the (Catholic) Church incorporated many pagan religious practices into the Church. He claims that the Church sanctified them and that made it safe to bring these practices into the Church. Catholic Church Historian Cardinal Newman.

7. THE MANUFACTURING OF SUNDAY BEING “THE LORD’S DAY”

The Catholic church used the “Lord’s Day” to manufacture Sunday as the “Lord’s Day.” Clement of Alexandria was the 1st Christian to apply the term “Lord’s Day” to the 1st day of the week. Clement had a mystical theology. As I have mentioned, he was the head of the school of Alexandria, which practiced praying toward the sun, from the pagan Mithraites. He taught philosophy, ethics, and disciplined instructions for “Christian Gnostics.” He tried to unite Greek philosophy (Gnosticism) with Christian teachings. This is “mixing.” He taught Origen. What is his source of authority? **Plato.** Plato was a Greek philosopher, not a Christian. Clement said that a person keeps the “Lords day” when he abandons “an evil disposition.” **Clement was saying that people who kept the Sabbath of the Lord had an evil disposition.** He was saying that evil was good, and good was evil. Isaiah 5:20 warns us of this. “Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!” Clement believed “One, therefore, is the way of truth, but into it, just as into an everlasting river, flow streams but from another place.” What he was saying is that there’s one way of truth, but it can come from another place other than the Bible. He claimed that faith was both the basis of salvation and gnosis (spiritual mystical knowledge). This is the blueprint of the schools of Hellenism. **If a pastor taught you this today, what would you think? Would you think he was a Christian? Would you think he had spiritual authority?**

This is the sad origin of the Roman Catholic Church. It compromised from the very beginning with paganism. It was a result of Hellenistic education and mixing paganism with faith in God and Yeshua. This is exactly what Israel did.

SECTION 5- EARLY REMNANT BELIEVERS OBSERVED THE SABBATH:

There are many historical writings that prove that early remnant believers observed the Sabbath. The Catholic church doesn't want people to know that many followers of Yeshua kept the Sabbath. The Catholic church and earthly rulers tried to remove Sabbath worship, but there was always remnant believers keeping the Sabbath, refusing to follow the ways of man, and holding to the Word of God. They've tried to hide this history from people so we won't know that Sabbath is the true day of God and the Lord's Day is actually the Sabbath! Here are some writings I found from beginning in the first century:

1ST CENTURY AD

"For almost all churches throughout the world celebrate the sacred mysteries on the Sabbath every week." Socrates Scholastes, Ecclesiastical History.

"Then the spiritual seed of Abraham [Christians] fled to Pella, on the other side of Jordan, where they found a safe place of refuge, and could serve their Master and keep His Sabbath." Eusebius's Ecclesiastical History.

Philo, the philosopher, and historian, affirms that this Sabbath was on the seventh day of the week. *"He maintains that the Sabbath is a holy day because it comes as the seventh day, for the number seven is perfect, and that the Sabbath is a perfect day for reflection of philosophy and morality." The Sabbath, Interpretations by Jubilees and Philo, Frank Redmond, 2007.*

2ND CENTURY AD

*"The primitive Christians had a great veneration for the Sabbath, and spent the day in devotion and sermons... They derived this practice from the Apostles themselves, as appears by several scriptures to that purpose." D. T. H. Morer (Church of England) Dialogues on the Lord's Day, London, 1701. He was saying that the Sabbath was supported by scripture. He was from the Church of England, which was a Sunday-keeping church. He was also saying that the primitive Christians kept the Sabbath and they derived the practice **from the Apostles**. Paul called the gospel **his gospel** in Romans 2:16 and 16:25. His gospel doesn't differ from the gospel of God. The church teaches that the apostles made up a new gospel, but it came through the prophets in the Old Testament. **"Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures** (the Old Testament), **the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and designated Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord.**" Romans 1:1-4.*

2ND, 3RD, and 4TH CENTURY AD

"From the apostles' time until the Council of Laodicea [364 AD], the holy observation of the Jews' Sabbath continued, as may be proved out of many authors: yea, notwithstanding the decree of the council against it." John Ley, Sunday A Sabbath, London, 1640.

3RD CENTURY

"As early as 225 A.D. there Existed large Sabbath-keeping bishoprics or conferences of the Church of the East (Assyria, Babylonia, Persia) stretching from Palestine to India." Mingana, Early Spread of Christianity.

***"The primitive Christians did keep the Sabbath of the Jews...therefore the Christians, for a long time together, did keep their conventions upon the Sabbath, in which some portions of the law were read: and this continued till the time of the Laodicean council."** The Whole Works of Rev. Jeremy Taylor, Vol. IX, p. 416, R. Heber's Edition, Vol XII, p. 416.*

*"It is certain that **the ancient Sabbath did remain and was observed** (together with the celebration of the Lord's day) by the Christians of the East Church, **above three hundred years after our Saviour's death."** A learned treatise of the Sabbath, Mr. Edward Brerewood, professor, Gresham Colledge, London., 1631.*

4TH CENTURY

*"In the church of Milan (Italy) it seems that the Saturday was held in a fair esteem. **Not that the Eastern churches or any of the rest which observed that day, were inclined to Judaism; but that they came together on the Sabbath day to worship Jesus the Lord of the Sabbath.**" Dr. Peter Heylyn, History of the Sabbath, London, 1636.*

*"For more than 17 centuries the Abyssinian Church continued to sanctify Saturday as the holy day of the 4th commandment." Ambrose de Morbius. **The Abyssinian Church sanctified Saturday for more than 17 centuries!***

*"Ambrose, the celebrated bishop of Milan, said that when he was in Milan **he observed Saturday**, but when in Rome observed Sunday. This gave rise to the proverb, 'When you are in Rome, do as Rome does.'" Heylyn, History of the Sabbath. **The church of Milan was celebrating the Sabbath in the 4th century. The church in Rome was keeping Sunday.***

Persia 335-375 A.D. "They [the Christians] despise our sun-god. Did not Zoroaster, the sainted founder of our divine beliefs, institute Sunday one thousand years ago in honor of the sun and supplant **the Sabbath of the Old Testament?** Yet these Christians have divine services on Saturday." De lacy O'Leary, *The Syriac Church, and Fathers*. This is a book that was written based on lectures delivered in Bristol University College which presented the "General character and importance of the Syriac Fathers, and the place they fill in the history of the Church." **He is saying that the Christians (Sabbath-keeping) despised the sun god. He is also saying that Zoroaster was the sainted founder of Catholic beliefs!**

"The primitive **Christians did keep the Sabbath of the Jews**; therefore the Christians, **for a long time together, did keep their conventions upon the Sabbath**, in which some portions of the law were read: and this continued till the time of the Laodicean council." *The Whole Works of Rev. Jeremy Taylor*, Vol. IX, p. 416 (R. Heber's Edition, Vol XII, p. 416).

5TH CENTURY

"Augustine [whose testimony is made the more impressive by his being a committed Sunday-keeper] shows.. that **the [seventh day] Sabbath was observed in his day 'in the greater part of the Christian world.'**" *Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers, 1st series*, Vol 1, pp. 353, 354. **You will never hear anyone in a Christian church that doesn't keep the Sabbath teach this!**

"**Down even to the fifth century the observance of the Jewish Sabbath was continued in the Christian church.**" Lyman Coleman, *Ancient Christianity Exemplified* , p. 526.

"In 411 [Mingana, leader of the Eastern Churches] appointed a metropolitan director for China. **These churches were sanctifying the seventh day.**" J. F. Colthart, *The Sabbath Through The Centuries*, p. 11.

6TH CENTURY

"In this latter instance they [the Scottish Church] seem to have followed a custom of which we find traces in the early monastic church of Ireland by which **they held Saturday to be the Sabbath on which they rested from all their labors.**" W. T. Skene, *Adamnan's Life of St. Columba*, 1874, p. 96.

On Columba of Iona: "Having continued his labors in Scotland thirty-four years, he clearly and openly foretold his death, and on **Saturday**, June ninth, said to his disciple Diermit: '**This is the day called the Sabbath**, that is, the rest day, and such it will truly be to me; for it will put an end to my labors.'" *Butler's Lives of the Saints*, article on "St. Columba."

7TH CENTURY

"It seems to have been customary in the Celtic churches of early times, in Ireland as well as Scotland, to keep Saturday ... as a day of rest from labor. **They obeyed the fourth commandment literally on the seventh day of the week.**" Jas. C. Moffatt, *The Church In Scotland*.

From Gregory I, Pope of Rome 590-604: "Roman citizens: It has come to me that certain men of perverse spirit have disseminated among you things depraved and opposed to the holy faith, so that they forbid anything to be done on the day of the Sabbath. What shall I call them except preachers of antichrist?" **The Pope said that if someone kept the Sabbath, they had a perverse spirit, and they were a preacher of antichrist.**

8TH CENTURY

India, China, Persia, etc. "Widespread and enduring was the **observance of the seventh-day Sabbath among the believers of the Church of the East and the St. Thomas Christians of India, who never were connected with Rome.** It was also maintained among those bodies which broke off from Rome after the Council of Chalcedon, namely the Abyssinians, the Jacobites, the Marionites, and the Armenians." *New Schaff Hertog Encyclopedia of Religious Knowledge*, article "Nestorians." **So we see that in the 8th century, Sunday worship (the Roman Catholic church's day of authority) had not yet gained influence in India, because people were still keeping the seventh-day Sabbath.**

"On the seventh day we offer sacrifices, after having purified our hearts, and receive absolution for our sins. This religion, so perfect and so excellent, is difficult to name, but it enlightens darkness by its brilliant precepts." China, 781 A.D. The same thing in China. **Rome's influence hadn't spread this far yet.**

9TH CENTURY

"Pope Nicholas I, in the ninth century, sent the ruling prince of Bulgaria a long document saying in it that one is to cease from work on Sunday, but not on the Sabbath. The head of the Greek Church, offended at the interference of the papacy, declared the Pope excommunicated." B. G. Wilkinson, Ph.D., *Truth Triumphant*, p. 232. **The head of the Greek church declared the Pope excommunicated because he said that people were supposed to cease from work on Sunday. The Greek church, which has been majorly influenced by the Catholic church, would not bow to it in regards to the Sabbath. It seems that the Greek church was keeping the Sabbath.**

10TH CENTURY

"The Nestorians eat no pork and keep the Sabbath. They believe neither in auricular confession nor purgatory." New Schaff Hertog Encyclopedia, article, "Nestorians."

"The Paulicians, Petrobusians, Passaginians, Waldenses, Insabbatati were great Sabbath-keeping bodies of Europe down to 1250." Coltheart, p. 19. **These different section of Christianity were ALL keeping the Sabbath to the 13th century!**

11TH CENTURY

"Margaret of Scotland in 1060 attempted to bring ruin to Columba's spiritual descendants by moving against those who **observed the seventh-day Sabbath instead of Sunday.**" Reported by T. R. Barnett in *Margaret of Scotland; Queen and Saint*, p. 97.

Concerning the separation of the Greek Church from the Latin Church in 1054: "**The observance of the Saturday, is, as everyone knows, the subject of bitter dispute between the Greeks and the Latins.**" J.M. Neale, *A History of the Holy Eastern Church*, Vol 1, p. 731.

12TH CENTURY

On the Waldenses of 1120: "Observance of the Sabbath.. is enjoined." Blair, *History of the Waldenses*, vol.1, p. 220. France: "For twenty years Peter de Bruys stirred southern France. **He especially emphasized a day of worship that was recognized at that time among the Celtic churches of the British Isles, among the Paulicians, and in the great Church of the east, namely, that seventh day of the fourth commandment.**" Coltheart; *History of Sabbath Observance*, p. 18

"Traces of Sabbath-keepers are found in.. the twelfth century in Lombardy." *Strong's Encyclopedia*.

13TH CENTURY

Council of Toulouse, *Canons Against Sabbath keepers*, 1229: Canon 3. "The lords of the different districts shall have the villas, houses, and woods diligently searched, and the hiding places of the heretics destroyed. Canon 4. "Lay members are not allowed to possess the books of either the Old or the New Testaments:" **This is a council of the Roman Catholic Church. They wouldn't allow lay members to possess the Bible! They burned the Bibles! They forcibly seized Bibles and forbid translations of the Bible in the people's mother tongues. They wanted to eliminate the Sabbath and Word of God!!! Because if people read the Bible, they would have known they were supposed to keep the Sabbath of the Lord their God rather than following the tradition of the apostate persecuting "church". This is the supposed "mother church" of Christianity, and most of Christianity follows the RCC's commandments, not God's!**

14th CENTURY

"In 1310, two hundred years before Luther's theses, the Bohemian brethren constituted one fourth of the population of Bohemia, and that they were in touch with the Waldenses who abounded in Austria, Lombardy,. Bohemia, north Germany, Thuringia, Brandenburg, and Moravia. Erasmus pointed out how strictly Bohemian Waldenses kept the seventh day Sabbath." Armitage, *A History of the Baptists*, p.313; Cox, *The Literature of the Sabbath Question*, vol. 2, pp. 201-202

"Also the priests have caused the people to keep Saturdays as Sundays." *Theological Periodicals For the Evangelical Church in Norway*, vol. 1, p.184.

"**It is forbidden under the same penalty to keep Saturday holy by refraining from labour.**" *History of the Norwegian Church*, p.401.

Norway. "The priests also force people to keep the Sabbath on Sunday." *Theological Periodicals for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Norway*, Vol. 1, p. 184. Oslo.

15th CENTURY

(Church Council held at Bergin, August 22,1435) "**The first matter concerned a keeping holy of Saturday. It had come to the earth of the archbishop that people in different places of the kingdom had ventured the keeping holy of Saturday. It is strictly forbidden-it is stated-in the Church Law, for anyone to keep or to adopt holy-days, outside of those which the pope, archbishop, or bishops appoint.**" *The History of the Norwegian Church under Catholicism*, R. Keyser, Vol. II, p. 488.Oslo: 1858

Norway. A church council held in Bergen, Norway on August 22, 1435. "The first question was about keeping the Sabbath. The archbishop drew attention to the fact that people in different regions of the kingdom observe the holy Shabbat. And it is strictly forbidden, as it is written in church law – it is forbidden to keep and accept other holidays than those appointed by the pope, archbishop and bishops." *History of the Church of Norway under Catholicism*, R. Keyser, Vol. II, p. 488. Oslo : 1858).

Bohemia. "Erasmus admits that even at the turn of the year 1500 these Bohemians not only kept the Sabbath strictly, but were called Subbotniks" *The Literature of the Sabbath Question*, Cox, Vol. 2, pp. 201, 202; *Truth Triumphant*, p. 264.

16th CENTURY

"Erasmus testifies that even as late as about 1500 these Bohemians not only kept the seventh day scrupulously, but also were called Sabbatarians." *The Literature of the Sabbath Question*, Cox, Vol.2, pp.201, 202, *Truth Triumphant*, Wilkinson, p.264

"We wrote of the Sabbatarians in Bohemia, Transylvania, England and Holland between 1250 and 1600 A.D." *Truth Triumphant*, Wilkinson, p.309

Heinrich Bullinger (1504–1575), a prominent theologian and figure of the Reformation was invited to take over as the head of the Reformed church in Zurich. He wrote 124 books, thousands of tracts, and letters, including a book called "*Of the Fourth Precept of the First Table*" about the 10 commandments. **He taught that the Sabbath began with God resting on the Sabbath day. He taught that the Sabbath was the appointed time for us to rest, it was set at creation, God ordained the Sabbath for the preservation of mankind, the command to obey the Sabbath rest was a duty of mankind. He said the Sabbath commandment was perpetual. He said there were serious moral consequences if profaned. He said that it was morally binding for New Testament believers.**

17th CENTURY

In Ethiopia, Jesuits tried to induce the Abyssinian church to accept Roman Catholicism. They influenced King Zadenghel to submit to the Papacy (A.D.1604). "*Prohibiting all his subjects, upon severe penalties, to observe Saturday any longer.*" *Gedde's Church History of Ethiopia*, p.311, also *Gibbon's Decline and Fall*, ch. 47. This means they had been keeping the Sabbath, but the Jesuits were forcing them to observe Sunday!

"But as they rejected Sunday and rested on the Sabbath, Prince Sigmond Bathory (of Transylvania) ordered their persecution. Pechi advanced to position of chancellor of state and next in line to throne of Transylvania. He studied his Bible, and composed a number of hymns, mostly in honour of the Sabbath." Pechi was arrested and died in 1640. Bathory was a Roman Catholic and a counter reformer. He ordered the persecution of people keeping the Sabbath. Simon Pechi was a Hungarian official and a supporter of the Sabbatarian movement. "*He wrote a prayer book that contributed to the conversion of around 20,000 Szekeleys (a Hungarian subgroup) to Sabbatarianism in the late 16th century.*" Wikipedia.

"We can trace these opinions over almost the whole extent of Sweden of that day-from Finland and northern Sweden." "*In the district of Upsala the farmers kept Saturday in place of Sunday.*" "**About the year 1625 this religious tendency became so pronounced in these countries that not only large numbers of the common people began to keep Saturday as the rest day, but even many priests did the same.**" *History of the Swedish Church*, Vol. I, p.256. **The people returned to keeping the Sabbath and actually influenced the Catholic priests to keep the Sabbath of God as a rest day!**

India. "*They kept Saturday holy. They have solemn service on Saturdays.*" *Pilgrimmes*, Part 2, p. 1269.

18th Century

Germany. "*There is nothing to suggest that Saturday should be replaced by Sunday. The Lord God sanctified the last day of the week. Antichrist pointed to the first day of the week.*" *Kl. Auszug aus Tennhardt Schriften*, p. 49, printed 1712.

Bohemia and Moravia (present-day Czech Republic and Slovakia). Adolf Dux described their history from 1635 to 1867: "*The life of the Sabbath keepers was terrible. Their books and writings were taken to the Consistory of Carlsbad to be burned*" (*Aus Ungam*, pp. 289-291. Leipzig, 1880). **Sabbath keepers were being persecuted in Bohemia and Moravia in the 18th century.**

19th CENTURY

Germany, 1838-1933. "*The Sabbath was a strong tie which united them with the life of the whole people, and in keeping the Sabbath holy, they followed not only the example, but also the command of Jesus.*" *Geschichte des Sonntags*, Dr. Theodor Zahn, pp. 13, 14. **They understood what it meant to follow Jesus and obey!**

"*In the 1830s, some New Englanders called the first day of the week 'Sunday,' as was the custom in England and most other parts of the United States. But many rural people continued the regional tradition of 'the Sabbath,' or in its most rustic form, 'Sabbathday.'* In the 17th and 18th centuries, the Sabbath had been regarded as a day out of ordinary time. **The Puritans had come to insist on strict and unvarying observance of the Sabbath, at the same time that they had eliminated all saints' days and holidays, including Christmas, from the calendar.**" *Remembering the Sabbath: Worship in New England Meetinghouses*, Copyright Old Sturbridge Inc. **In addition to observing the Sabbath, the puritans did not keep any pagan holidays introduced by the Catholic church.**

"This agitation was not without its effect. Pastor M.A. Sommer began observing the seventh day, and wrote in his church paper." *Indovet Kristendom* No.5, 1875. In a letter to Elder John G. Matteson, he says: "Among the Baptists here in Denmark there is a great agitation regarding the Sabbath commandment. However, I am probably the only preacher in Denmark who stands so near to the Adventists and who for many years has proclaimed Christ's second coming." Advent Tidende," May 1875. **This Baptist preacher in the 1800s knew what the true Sabbath was and he was teaching his church to keep it, although there was much argument regarding it in the Baptist church.**

You can learn more about how the Catholic church tried to suppress the Bible here: <https://maozisrael.org/report/2020/01/the-bloody-battle-to-liberate-the-word-of-god/>

In 1657, Thomas Tillam wrote a rebuttal to Mr. Aspinwal, who wrote a piece against the Sabbath. This is the link: [Doctrine - Sabbath - Thomas Tillam - The Seventh Day Sabbath Sought Out -1657 \(archive.org\)](#)

"The early Christians were of Jewish descent, and the first Christian church in Jerusalem was a Jewish- Christian church. It conformed, as could be expected, to the Jewish law and Sabbath-custom; it had no express instruction from the Lord to do otherwise...But one could reason, that for all this it does not follow that one should give up and forsake the 'Sabbath' which God Himself has commanded, nor that we should transfer this to another day of the week, even if that is such a memorable day. To do this would require an equally definite command from God, whereby the former command is abolished, but where can we find such a command? It is true, such a command is not to be found." Lutheran Bishop Grimelund of Norway (1912-1896) *Sondagens Historie*, p. 13-18. **Today's church teaches that the Sabbath commandment is abolished and the Sabbath has been transferred to Sunday. But the Lutheran Bishop if Grimelund said there was no such command in the Bible. And the early church didn't think so either.**

So we see Christians all over the world were keeping the Sabbath all throughout the world and throughout the centuries after Yeshua's ascension! We also see that the Roman Catholic church tried to change it to Sunday to put all religions and churches under their authority instead of the Yeshua's. They wanted to convert followers of Yeshua into followers of the Roman Catholic church. They didn't do it by free will, but by force to those who would not agree or comply. They wanted to take over world religion. They demonized Christians who kept the Sabbath, followed Yeshua and obeyed Him and the Bible. They tried to force people to obey their laws and they manipulated worldly leaders to institute laws so they could grow their power in the world. **This is a question we must ask ourselves? Does this exemplify Yeshua? NO! He never forced anyone to believe Him. But who does try to force people to believe him? Satan. So this is the church that Satan formed to take over Yeshua's church.**

What is the Roman Catholic Church? It is NOT a Christian church. This catholic church is a world religious system whose pope was recently calling for all religions to unite and work together to build a one-world church that is about to be institutionalized as the United Religions Organization. They have come into an inter-faith religion that offers prayers to many deities. At the Seventh Congress of Leaders of World and Traditional Religions Sept 13-15, 2022, the pope signed the [Document on Human Fraternity for World Peace and Living Together](#), a declaration that says "We note that pluralism in terms of differences in skin color, Gender, race, language and culture are Expressions of the wisdom of God in creation. Religious diversity is permitted by God and, any coercion to a particular religion and religious doctrine is unacceptable."

The Catholic church is a cloak for a Satanic agenda. The Catholic church is a system that's being used by Satan to deceive the bride of Christ, and many people have been deceived, following the Catholic church's replacement day for the Sabbath. The Sabbath was NEVER transferred from Saturday to Sunday. **The Pope claims to have all authority over the earth and claims to be Christ in the flesh and His Christ's vicar on earth. Is he? No, he's not. He's an imposter.**

I believe that the Roman Catholic church is part of the harlot (the great whore) of Revelation 17 and 18. It's a religious political power. The harlot in Revelation is spiritual and secular. She puts to death believers in Judeo-Christianity. The Catholic Church (the Roman Empire) did this for many years. She is part of the system of the world. She is about power, money, and control. She is beautiful on the outside, but wicked on the inside. And I see the Catholic church with all its billions of dollars—the amount of money they spend on churches, the ornate architecture, beauty, gold, chandeliers, stained glass, precious stones, statues, artwork, dioceses, and school. They build huge churches that are extremely expensive. **It looks beautiful on the outside, but just like the harlot, it is demonic and wicked on the inside.** The woman in Revelation 17:1 is seated on many waters. Water represents people. Look at how many people believe what the Catholic church teaches. Almost every denomination in Christianity follows the harlot and not the Messiah.

**THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IS AN INSTITUTION.
IT IS DOOMED TO PASS AWAY.
JESUS DIDN'T COME TO SET UP AN INSTITUTION.**

Here are some other things the Roman Catholic church teaches: they declare that Mary, her mother, and the pope are sinless. They say that Mary is an intercessor. They pray to her to ask her to pray for them. Praying to the dead is

considered necromancy according to the Bible, and it's an abomination to God. They say "Hail, Mary!" We are only supposed to give God glory. They teach that Mary was a perpetual virgin, however, the Bible says that Yeshua (Jesus) had brothers and sisters. He was the oldest child. The only time Mary was a virgin was before Yeshua (Jesus)' birth. They claim to sacrifice Messiah during the eucharist. They teach that the bread actually becomes Yeshua (Jesus)' body and the wine becomes His blood. This is blasphemy. Yeshua died once for the sins of the people. His body isn't being crucified over and over again. They confess their sins to priests. They believe you can earn salvation by good works and observing the Catholic sacraments. But these sacraments are not commanded in the Bible. They have added onto Scripture and taken away from it. This is breaking God's commandments. He commanded us not to add to His commands or take away from them in Deuteronomy 4:2. They use prayer beads (the rosary) to pray. The origination of prayer beads is Hinduism. Buddhism also uses prayer beads. The Bible doesn't command us to use prayer beads. They bow to idols. **These are mere man-made customs and have nothing to do with salvation.** They removed the 2nd commandment so they could break the commandments of God and worship idols. They teach infant baptism. The Bible teaches us that baptism is a choice—we're baptized for the remission of sins and a new life in Yeshua. This is something we decide with the ability to choose, not something that's done for babies. It's not in the Bible, and it's adding to the Word of God. They've sold forgiveness for penitence. They teach that people go to purgatory, and "in between" place and they have taken money to supposedly get peoples' loved ones out of it. **None of these things are in the Bible, but are in fact contrary to the Bible.**

So, we have to ask the question, "**Did the early church fathers (the people we call scholars) understand the Bible, the New Testament, Paul, and the New Covenant?**" They did NOT. The reason is because they were not Christians, they were not Messianic believers (the Way), they didn't follow Yeshua, and they didn't keep His commandments. They took doctrines and ideologies of the pagans, overrun by the spirit of antichrist, and mixed it with worship of God/Jesus. Their theology was pagan, Gnostic and Hellenistic. They weren't led of the Spirit nor did they teach the Bible, maybe in part, but not in full. They twisted God's words for their own power and control.

1 Corinthians 5:7 says, "Clean out the old leaven so that you may be a new lump, just as you are in fact unleavened. For Christ, our Passover also has been sacrificed." Paul was telling the Corinthian church that the unleavened bread at Passover represented Yeshua and that they were without sin because of Him. He was telling them to get rid of the sin from their old life. Galatians 5:9 says, "A little leaven leavens the whole lump of dough." **The Catholic church's leaven (sin-doctrines of the pagans) has leavened the whole lump (the church because the church has followed the Catholic Church in Sunday worship and pagan holidays instead of Yeshua in following the Bible.**

I hope you see that the Catholic church is an antichrist church, the whore, and if you're following the doctrine of Sunday instead of Sabbath, you are following a whore. If you still believe the Catholic church is a Christian church, I'm going to show you some more:

The Vatican is steeped with occult and pagan symbolism.



1. The first picture is the outside of Paul VI Audience Hall, designed to look like a serpent. The roof is like scales. The building is shaped like the head of a serpent, the nose is on top of the building, and the eyes are at the side.
2. The second picture is the inside of the hall. The eyes, scales, and fangs are evident. If you are seated in the hall, you are looking up at the serpent.
3. There is a Satanic/demonic sculpture in the hall sitting right behind the pope and cardinals. The pope is seated on a throne. The sculpture that represents Jesus and Satan as the same person!
4. This is an up-close picture of the statue. The statue has two heads. The head of a man on the left and the head of a serpent (profile) on the right. On one side is the head of Jesus and the other side is the profile of serpent. The head of Jesus looks like the head of a snake with its fangs open, prepared to bite. Why would Jesus have fangs or bite? **The is what the catholic church is-the church that is the really the church of Satan, disguised as the church of Jesus.** Many people are worshipping a Jesus that the Catholic church has created, but they are really worshipping Satan, not the Yeshua of the Bible.
5. The 5th picture is Dagon, the god in Judges 16 and 1 Samuel 5. The temples of Dagon were in Beth-Dagon, Gaza, and Ashdod. Next to it is a picture of the pope with his papal hat on. It is the symbol of Dagon. Dagon was worshipped by the Philistines and the Assyrians (pagans), and temple of Dagon was in Ashdod. Dagon is a pagan god, yet the Catholic church popes wears on their heads the symbol of the god Dagon, a demon.
6. The 6th picture is the devil in the Vatican museum. I find it very interesting that he's holding 2 children. This reminds me of abortion and the child sex-trafficking industry. The devil is trying to take our children. It's odd that the Catholic church has this in their museum. They had this made to be there.
7. This is a picture of Pope Frances holding the sun (which represents sun god worship) shown in previous pictures. The words on the sun are "*ecee panis angelorum factus cibus viatorum*" which means "*Behold the bread of angels, as pilgrims' food inherited.*" This phrase comes from the solemnity of Corpus Christi, the Homily of John Paul 2. The bread of angels is the bread of demons because they worship demon gods. Pope Frances has supported same-sex civil unions and civil union law. In March 2021, the Vatican's doctrinal office declared that Catholic priests could bless same sex unions. This is demonic, and it's not of God.

I hope you can see what the Catholic Church is all about and the darkness that is behind it. Can you see why because God is letting the enemy show exactly who he is and the counterfeit "church? It's out there for all to see! Yeshua came to get His body back on track, keeping the commandments of God, doing His Father's will. So what Yeshua established as the truth would be met by error. Satan engineered a "church" to deceive people and make them slaves to the Roman Catholic church! It is a counterfeit. **This is the church that deceived people to keep Sunday. If you believe that Sunday is the day that is to be kept as the Sabbath after Yeshua (Jesus)' ascension, you are putting yourself under the authority of the Catholic church, instead of the authority of Yeshua.**

The power of darkness of the Catholic church has attacked the believing remnant of God for almost two thousand years. They did not want the Word of God to be read or understood, and they attacked and assassinated the remnant Sabbath keepers to try to eliminate them. They took their Bibles and would not allow Bibles to exist in the Hebrew language which they hated. Why? Because Satan hates Israel, God's saints, and he doesn't want a remnant that keeps God's commandments. But God's Word says, "*Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply*" **Jeremiah 23:3.** Satan is a wolf trying to keep the sheep from the Shepherd, and he uses men who might think they're doing God's Word, but they don't know Scripture and are actually doing the work of the enemy. The pope is a counterfeit shepherd, and is leading many people astray. Yeshua said this to the religious elites of His day: "*Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.*" **John 10:1-5.** **Have you been following the voice of a stranger? Have you been following shepherds that tell you that sabbath was transferred to Sunday? Will you come out of these false doctrines and begin following Yeshua?**

God didn't establish the Catholic church as holy. The Roman Empire isn't holy. Revelation 18:4 says, "Come out of her, my people, lest you take part in her sins, lest you share in her plagues." I'm warning you to repent and come out of the doctrines of the Catholic church. It is a pagan church. It is NOT the church of Yeshua. God wants us to be holy. God has to punish sin. This is the message of the gospel. Yeshua (Yeshua (Jesus)) was punished for our sins, **but we have to follow Him. We have to stand for truth, keeping the commandments of God, not the traditions of man. We have to stand for things that aren't popular. God doesn't determine success by numbers. He determines it by obedience and faithfulness.**

Now that you know the history of how the Sabbath changed to Sunday, we're going to look at Scripture to see what it says about the Sabbath and Sunday.

SECTION 7: THE SABBATH IN THE BIBLE

WE'VE LOOKED AT HISTORY OF HOW THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH CHANGED SABBATH FROM SATURDAY TO SUNDAY. I PRAY THAT YOU KNOW THAT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH CHANGED THE SABBATH FROM SATURDAY TO SUNDAY. NOW LET'S LOOK AT WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT THE SABBATH:

God commanded us to keep the Sabbath. It's HIS HOLY DAY. There are 5 parts to this commandment. There is one negative command and four positive commands (not a negative connotation, but a command NOT to do something):

1. Remember it (Exodus 20:8)
2. Keep it holy (Exodus 20:8)
3. Do no work on this day, nor can anyone in your household or in your gates (Exodus 20:10)
4. Rest (Exodus 20:)
5. Have a holy convocation (sacred assembly, assembling together as a community). This commandment was given in Leviticus 23 when God gave Israel His appointed times to meet with them. Prior to Exodus 40, the Tabernacle was not erected, but after it was built, the place of assembly for the people to gather for worship, God gave more instructions/commandments. This is the place where God's presence resided, over the Ark of the Tabernacle.

The Sabbath commandment is the longest and it's the ONLY ONE that begins with remember. Now that you've learned the history of how the Sabbath was changed, do you understand why God starts this commandment with "Remember?"

God also told us **why** we should keep the Sabbath: because in 6 days He made the heavens and the earth, and He rested on the 7th day. And He blessed it and made it holy (Exodus 20:11). **He didn't do that with any other day. That's why NO OTHER day of the week is THE Sabbath.**

1. THE SABBATH IS GOD'S DESIGN.

The Sabbath was designed as the last day of the week, the day of rest and worship, set apart to Him. He designed it because He loves us. God knew that we would fall, and that we would have to work for what we had. He didn't want us to work 7 days a week. He designed our bodies for rest. And He is calling us to that rest. There is a design for how we spend our week. There is also a design for our bodies. He designed our bodies for sex with the opposite sex. And true believers don't believe that homosexuality is ok. Why? Because it's not part of God's design. It's a violation of His Law in Leviticus 18. So why would we think Sunday is ok? It's not part of God's design. It's not His order according to Leviticus 23. And it's a violation of His Law. We cannot keep the commandments we want to keep and ignore others. Why do you think you have to keep the 9 other commandments, but not the 4th? **God's standard/design/order is the Sabbath. If I obey God, I don't deviate from His standard.**

It is also pointing us to the design of His eternal calendar. **2 Peter 3:8** says, *"But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day."* Every 1,000 year period is a day to God. Creation happened in the 1st day, Yeshua came on the 4th day, and He's returning on the 7th day. The Millennial earthly reign of Yeshua will be our Sabbath rest. We will have 1,000 years of peace and no war. The prophecies of the Bible tell us this. **Can His 2nd coming be on the first day? No. If that was the case, we wouldn't need any other days on God's prophetic calendar.** It has to be at the END of God's millennial week. So Sunday can't be the day of worship because it's not the day we will rest. That day is the day sin entered into the world and sin began filling the earth. This is why it can't be holy or sanctified. In the 7th day reign of Yeshua, He will take His people with Him to rule and reign over the earth and they will be His holy sanctified ones.

2. SABBATH WAS GIVEN AT CREATION AND IS MENTIONED PRIOR TO THE 10 COMMANDMENTS.

The seventh-day Sabbath is God ordained as the day of worship of the creator, and He NEVER changed it! Genesis 2:2 says *"And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. Then God BLESSED the seventh day and SANCTIFIED IT, because in it He rested from His work which God had created and made."* God demonstrated the principle of rest when He created the universe. On the seventh day He rested. The seventh day is a perpetual reminder of God as our Creator and our need to rest in Him. Based on the creation account in Genesis, Sabbath is from sundown Friday to sundown Saturday. **The Sabbath is a Holy day. God did not sanctify any other day. He did not bless any other day. He did not rest on any other day. He gave all mankind a Sabbath rest.**

God sanctified the Sabbath right after He blessed Adam and Eve as husband and wife. **I believe that the enemy has attempted to remove these two things from the church more than any other things. He instituted the Sabbath before Adam and Eve fell, and long before Jews existed, so this commandment cannot be just for the Jewish people.** (I want to tell you who the Jewish people are. They are Judaeans and/or from the tribe of Judah. There are 11 other tribes of Israel. This word "Jew" has taken on new meaning, and many people call anyone from Israel "Jews".) The Sabbath is part of God's order. It has never changed, and it will continue

The Hebrew word for seven is “sheba” or “shibah”. It means “seven, seventh, or sevenfold.” When we see God command Israel to keep the Sabbath in Exodus 20:8, the Hebrew phrase “remember the day of the Sabbath” is used. The Hebrew word for the day is “Shabbat”. We don’t see God using the name of any other day of the week, only Shabbat. In every major language, we see these word forms of the Sabbath, the 7th day of the week:

Arabic: <i>Sabet</i>	Croatian: <i>Subota</i>	Indonesian: <i>Sabtu</i>	Portuguese: <i>Sábado</i>	Slovene: <i>Sobota</i>
Armenian: <i>Shabat</i>	Czech: <i>Sobota</i>	Italian: <i>Sabato</i>	Romanian: <i>Sambata</i>	Somali: <i>Sabti</i>
Bosnian: <i>Subota</i>	Georgian: <i>Sabati</i>	Latin: <i>Sabbatum</i>	Russian: <i>Subbota</i>	Spanish: <i>Sabado</i>
Bulgarian: <i>Sabota</i>	Greek: <i>Savvato</i>	Maltese: <i>is-Sibt</i>	Serbian: <i>Subota</i>	Sudanese: <i>Saptu</i>
Corsican: <i>Sàbatu</i>	Hebrew: <i>Shabbat</i>	Polish: <i>Sobota</i>	Slovak: <i>Sobota</i>	Ukrainian: <i>Subota</i>

God told Adam and Eve about the 7th day and His boundaries. He walked and talked with them. He would have told them about the Sabbath. Adam and Eve, Enoch and Noah talked with God. **God would have told them about the Sabbath because He designed it at creation, and they would have kept it.** People who ignore God’s Sabbath rest choose to skip over, distort, and ignore the Bible’s words. They claim that His people before the 10 commandments wouldn’t have kept the commandment about the Sabbath because it wasn’t written. But God didn’t have to write them down. He spoke His Word then! One other example is food: we see in the story of Noah about food. God had defined which animals were clean and unclean before the flood, before He gave man permission to eat them. Noah took 7 pairs of clean animals onto the ark, and he took 2 unclean pairs. So he know which animals were clean, and which were unclean.

Before God delivered the Israelites from Egypt, the Lord demanded the Israelites to rest from their work. The Pharaoh took them as slaves and made them work continually. He wanted them to have a Sabbath rest. Exodus 16 is the story of Bread from Heaven, **before the 10 commandments were given in Exodus 20.** God sent manna from heaven for the Israelites. The Lord said “Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you. And the people shall go out and gather a certain quota every day **that I may test them, whether they will walk in My Law or not.** (God said this b/c His Law had already been given verbally. They already knew it was God’s holy day and they were supposed to keep it holy). And it shall be on the sixth day that they shall prepare what they bring in, and it shall be twice as much as they gather daily.” **Why did God do this? Because He wanted them to take the Sabbath rest and not work on the Sabbath.** He was providing them bread from Heaven. The Lord said “**Tomorrow is a Sabbath rest, a holy Sabbath to the Lord. Bake what you will bake today, and boil what you will boil: and lay up for yourselves all that remains, to be kept until morning.**” Some of the people went out on the seventh day to gather, but they found none. And the Lord said to Moses “**How long do you refuse to keep My commandments and My laws? See! For the Lord has given you the Sabbath: therefore He gives you on the sixth day bread to two days. Let every man remain in his place; let no man go out of his place on the seventh day.**” **The people knew that Sabbath had been instituted at creation. He had already given them the Sabbath prior to giving them the 10 commandments on Sinai because He had already given them His commandments.**

The Sabbath is beautiful and it is a blessing. The enemy has tried to deceive the church that it’s a burden. But what does God’s word say? 1 John 5:3 “For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.” Does it say it was made for the Jews only? Mark 2:27 says “the Sabbath was made for man.” People have twisted this verse to mean that we don’t have to keep the Sabbath anymore. This is not what this phrase means. Yeshua is saying that the Sabbath was for man’s benefit. God made for man to rest and draw closer to God on the Sabbath, because He loves us and wants us to rest from working and doing our normal things. He requires one day. **He has done everything for us. Can we give Him that one day?**

3. IT IS A SIGN OF GOD’S SET APART PEOPLE, AND IT IS A PERPETUAL (NEVER-ENDING) COVENANT

Exodus 31:13-17 says, “Speak also to the children of Israel, saying: ‘Surely My Sabbaths you shall keep, for it is a sign between Me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I am the LORD who sanctifies you. You shall keep the Sabbath, therefore, for it is holy to you. Everyone who profanes it shall surely be put to death; for whoever does any work on it, that person shall be cut off from among his people. Work shall be done for six days, but the seventh is the Sabbath of rest, holy to the LORD (We can’t change what is holy to the Lord). Whoever does any work on the Sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death. Therefore the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations as a perpetual covenant. It is a sign between Me and the children of Israel forever; for in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, and on the seventh day He rested and was refreshed.’” The word perpetual in Hebrew is “olam.” It means “eternity, forever, always, continuous existence, everlasting, indefinite, unending, eternity.” **So how does the Sabbath get taken away if it is forever? God didn’t take it away. Joshua 24:15 says Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve...but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”** The Israelites were greatly blessed by God as His chosen people, who were to serve as His representatives of godliness (evangelizing) to the pagan heathen

nations. Israel was called to be completely separate, keeping His instructions. The Sabbath was set apart for God's people, it was a sign of godliness.

**IF WE WILL KEEP THE SABBATH FOR ALL OF ETERNITY, WHY AREN'T WE KEEPING IT NOW?
WE HAVE TAKEN ON THE WAYS OF THE PAGANS.**

The children of Israel were commanded by God to keep the Sabbath. It was a sign between Him and them **throughout generations**. Paul tells us that we are Israel if we're in Christ. We are grafted into Israel, so **it is a sign between us and Him**. It helps us know that He is the Lord who sanctifies us. He sanctified the Sabbath also. It is **holy**. Not Sunday. Not another day. The Sabbath is **Holy to Him**. **So, if Sabbath is holy to Him, then it is holy to us, and no other day can be holy, even to us. Why? Because God is holy and He determines what holy is. We can't determine what holy is. We are to observe His Sabbath as a perpetual covenant. It is a sign between Him and the children of Israel forever.**

**WE CAN'T TAKE SOMETHING THAT'S DEFILED AND MAKE IT HOLY.
IF SOMETHING ISN'T HOLY TO HIM, IT CAN'T BE HOLY-PERIOD.**

Isaiah 58:13-14 talks about true and false fasting. God also has something to say about the Sabbath in this chapter. It says **"IF you turn back your foot from the Sabbath, from doing your pleasure on My holy day, and call the Sabbath a delight (most Christians don't call it a delight. They call it legalistic), the holy day of the Lord honorable, if you honor it, not going your own ways, or seeking your own pleasure, or talking idly, THEN you shall delight in the Lord; and I will make you ride the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father."** God said that the people who keep the Sabbath will delight in Him. **This is one of my favorite promises in the Bible! If we keep the Sabbath and call it a delight, the Lord will cause us to ride on the high hills of the earth! And He will feed us with the heritage of Jacob.**

Nehemiah 9:13-14 says, **"You made known to them Your holy Sabbath, and commanded them precepts, statutes and laws, by the hand of Moses Your servant."** **Hebrews 4:3-4** says, **"For we which have believed do enter into His rest...for He has spoken of the seventh day in this way: 'And God rested on the seventh day from all His works,' and again in this place: 'They shall not enter My rest'"** The writer of Hebrews was writing to Israelites who believed in Yeshua. **Verses 9-11** says, **"There remains therefore a (Sabbath) rest for the people of God. For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His. Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same Example of disobedience."** The writer of Hebrews is saying that the children disobeyed the Sabbath commandment and that we should be diligent to enter into the Sabbath rest God created for us. We see their example of disobedience. If we don't obey, we're being disobedient, and we are law-breakers.

If you know the gospel, you know that God is a holy God and that sin (breaking God's Law) separated/separates us from Him. If we are breaking His commandment, we are sinning and it is separating us from Him. There are many people who don't want to admit this, but it's true. What we think doesn't matter, it's only what God thinks and says.

Ezekiel 20:18-20 says, **"Do not walk in the statutes of your fathers, nor observe their judgements, nor defile yourselves with their idols. I am the Lord your God: Walk in My statutes, keep My judgments, and do them; hallow My Sabbaths, and they will be a sign between Me and You, that you may know that I am the Lord your God."** **The Sabbaths are a sign between us and God, that we may know that He is the Lord.**

The fire cloud of God was over the Most Holy Place of the Tabernacle where the Ark of the Covenant was. Inside the Ark was the 10 commandments (words). They were so extremely holy, that they were placed in the Ark, and God's presence rested over the ark! Think about this. God is holy. He gives His people His Law. Do we not think it is holy? Is it not a reflection of His nature, His character? God's presence and holiness rests over His Law. Israel was to "be" holy because the Lord is holy. If you're holy, do you break God's commandments? No! Obedience helps us to imitate Yeshua's attributes of surrender and submission. The result of grace and a heart of gratitude is obedience. Faith produces works. Most churches teach a watered-down gospel, believing grace will be there even if we continue to disobey God's commandments knowingly. But Hebrews 10:26 says, **"For if we go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins."** God is gracious, but He's also a God of wrath and judgment.

4. THE SABBATH WAS FOR ALL WHO WERE IN THE COMMUNITY OF ISRAEL-THIS INCLUDES GENTILES

Exodus 23:12 says, **"Six days do your work, but on the seventh day do not work, so that your ox and your donkey may rest, and so that the slave born in your household and the foreigner living among you may be refreshed."** **Deuteronomy 5:14** says, **"but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter or your male servant or your female servant, or your ox or your donkey or any of your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates, that your male servant and your**

female servant may rest as well as you.” Deuteronomy 31:12 says, “Assemble the people, men, women, and little ones, and the sojourner within your towns, that they may hear and learn to fear the Lord your God and be careful to do all the words of this Law.” In Exodus 21-23, God gave them His rulings. Who was Israel? These were the rules for Israel, which included foreigners. The sojourners were even commanded to assemble on the Sabbath to hear and learn to fear the Lord God.

Exodus 12:38 says “A *mixed multitude* also went up with them, and very much livestock, both flocks and herds.” Some of other nationalities and Egyptian were with them. They were at Mt. Sinai when God gave the 10 commandments and all of them entered into the covenant. Some of the Egyptians became Israel, just as we become Israel in Yeshua, who is the goal and aim of the Law.

Isaiah 56:1-8 talks about salvation for the Gentiles. “*Thus says the Lord: Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon my salvation will come, and my righteousness be revealed. Blessed is the man who does this, and the son of man who holds it fast, who keeps the Sabbath, not profaning it, and keeps his hand from doing any evil. Let not the foreigner who has joined himself to the Lord say, The Lord will surely separate me from his people; and let not the eunuch say, Behold, I am a dry tree. For thus says the Lord: To the eunuchs who keep my Sabbaths, who choose the things that please me and hold fast my covenant, I will give in my house and within my walls a monument and a name better than sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name that shall not be cut off. And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to Him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be His servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and holds fast my covenant—these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. The Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, I will gather yet others to Him besides those already gathered.*” Many people claim they are Gentile believers and they don’t have to keep the Sabbath or the Law. Is that what God’s Word says? You are a former Gentile (pagan, unbeliever), but you are now a part of Israel, and Israel keeps the Sabbath. Israel is the one God gave the covenants to. If you come to faith in Yeshua, you are now a part of those covenants. They were not given to Gentiles. Paul is very clear about this in his letters. God says that salvation will come to the Gentiles IF they keep from defiling His Sabbath, that He will bring them to His holy mountain, if they obey and don’t do evil. **God invites ALL PEOPLE into His covenant. He also requires them to keep the Sabbath and His commandments.**

ALL INCLUDES: SOJOURNERS, MIXED MULTITUDES AND GENTILES WHO BELIEVE IN THE GOD OF ISRAEL.

5. THE SABBATH IS A DAY A FIVE PART COMMANDMENT

There are 5 parts to the Sabbath commandment: (1) Remember, (2) keep it holy, (3) rest (4) do no work (5) Have a holy convocation (sacred assembly), and. “*Six days shall work be done, but on the seventh day is a Sabbath of solemn rest, a holy convocation. You shall do no work. It is a Sabbath to the Lord in all your dwelling places.*” The Hebrew word “*miqra*” is translated as “*convocation.*” It is used 23 times in the Bible. *Miqra* is mostly used with the word “*moed*,” which is translated “*appointed time,*” and is almost always used in the context of the Sabbath and Feasts. Holy convocation means sacred assembly, a time when they would assemble together as a community for worship (or a church service). The Sabbath is the weekly “*appointed time,*” Rosh Chodesh is the monthly appointed time, and the annual appointed times are the 7 Feasts of the Lord. **The Sabbath is a special weekly appointment with God because He loves us and wants us to worship Him in the order He commanded. So, why would we want to meet with Him on a day He didn’t command us to and break His commandment?**

Most Sunday-keeping Christians don’t keep Sunday: (1) They don’t rest. (2) They don’t keep it holy, and (3) they don’t stop working. It’s not THE Sabbath. The majority of Christians go to church on Sunday, but God commanded us to assemble on THE Sabbath. **Going to church and resting on Sunday instead of the Sabbath is breaking the commandment of God. Because God commanded us to keep THE Sabbath, the 7th day.**

It may seem unfair that God doesn’t want you to do your own pleasures, to work, cause others to work, , rest, and assemble as a community on the Sabbath. But life is not about doing our pleasures. It’s about doing God’s will. However, God knows we need to be strengthened in Him and our body needs rest! He gives you breath, life, a job, a family and/or friends, and blessings, and **He asks you to set aside ONE DAY per week for HIM! Is that too much?**

6. YESHUA, KEPT THE SABBATH, TAUGHT ON THE SABBATH, AND HEALED ON THE SABBATH IN THE NEW TESTAMENT:

Jesus didn’t come to teach a new law. In Matthew 22:38-40, He was speaking to the Pharisees and Sadducees but He was also speaking to the crowds. **He didn’t give a new law to the Gentiles.** However, there are many churches that teach that Yeshua (Jesus) gave two new commandments, and these are the only ones we must keep. The Pharisees were plotting to get to Yeshua to say something against the Word of God-to trap Him. The Sadducees had just tried to trick Him about the resurrection. Yeshua had silenced the Sadducees and the people

were astonished at His teaching. Then an expert in the Torah asked Him “What is the greatest commandment?” Yeshua (Jesus)’ (Yeshua’s) response was this: *“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”* **He took them back to the Torah! Deuteronomy 6:5** says, *“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.”* In **Leviticus 18-19**, God gave the Israelites laws about loving their neighbors as themselves. At the end of chapter 19 He said, *“but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.”* **So, Yeshua He said that on these two commandments hung all the Law and the prophets.** This doesn’t mean that they replaced the Law and the Prophets, rather all things written in the Law and the prophets hung on loving God with all of your heart and loving your neighbor as yourself.

Jesus didn’t say that He was giving us two new commandments, or that we didn’t have to keep the others. If He would’ve said He was giving us two new commandments, that’s what He would’ve said. Yeshua said that there was the first greatest commandment, love the Lord your God with all of your heart, soul, mind, and strength, and that there was a second greatest commandment, love your neighbor as yourself. And He was right, because if we don’t love God, we don’t know how to love our neighbor. **Everything in the Old Testament depends on loving the Lord our God with all our souls and minds and loving our neighbors as ourselves.** But Yeshua kept ALL the commandments. Yeshua and his earliest followers all observed the 7th-day Sabbath. **Yeshua didn’t establish a change of Sabbath worship to Sunday worship. The Bible would say it if He did, and it would be specified as a command. Yeshua would have said it. He would’ve warned His disciples about it.** Yeshua did not abandon the Sabbath.

In fact, Yeshua gave one new commandment in John 13:34-35. It was for His disciples to love one another as He loved them. Why did He give this commandment? Because they had struggled with pride, and other things. And because the Holy Spirit was about to launch a move that they were going to be in charge of, He wanted to make sure there was no division. There needed to be unity in His assembly. If there was division, people would not know they were His disciples.

In **Matthew 12:8, Mark 2:28, and Luke 6:5**, Yeshua is *“Lord of the Sabbath.”* Yeshua never argued with the Pharisees and Sadducees over whether the Sabbath is THE DAY God commanded us to keep. The controversies Yeshua had with them was over the man-made laws they had added to the commandments. He gathered with the people of God in the synagogue on the Sabbath. Because God has very precise instructions, **Yeshua would have given very precise instructions to the disciples to keep another day.** He would’ve said *“I have kept the Sabbath and taught you to keep it, but I’m going to die, resurrect, and ascend to My Father. I don’t want you to keep the Sabbath anymore (even though it’s an eternal commandment). I want you to keep Sunday to remember the day I resurrected (even though one of the Feasts of the Lord, Firstfruits, remembers this).”* **And He would have given this instruction when He gave His commission to the disciples, but it’s not there, so He didn’t give it. Are there any scriptures where Yeshua (Jesus) said, “I have died and resurrected and now I’m changing the Law. Now I want you to keep Sunday instead of Sabbath?” NO! Are there scriptures that say God no longer wants us to keep the Sabbath? Would he withdraw His wonderful gift of Sabbath? The Sabbath is eternal, so would Yeshua (Jesus) break it or issue a commandment outside of His Father’s authority? NO!**

If we think about this, it doesn’t make any sense! But most churches one of three things:

- (1) Yeshua (Jesus) taught us to do something new, to worship God in a new way. **However, there’s not one Bible verse to support it.**
- (2) Yeshua didn’t teach us about the Sabbath, so we can decide which day we keep as the Sabbath. Let’s look at the logic of this. **Can we decided to keep the other commandments the way we want?** How about the commandment regarding adultery? Didn’t He up the ante on that commandment? Didn’t He say that if you looked at a woman with lust you had committed adultery in your heart. So, would He have said, *“Hey, I’m going to change My Father’s Law!”* Of course not. Because He said, *“I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me.”* If God’s will is that we keep His commandments, obey Him, why would Yeshua have led His people not to keep God’s commandments or do His will? He would not have.
- (3) Yeshua became our rest, abolishing the Law. But what did He say? **“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”** This sounds VERY direct. Did Yeshua (Jesus) say that the Sabbath was no longer holy? NO! Did He come to make another day holy? NO! And as the Lord of the Sabbath He would NEVER change it!!! If He would have changed it, He would’ve said *“I’m not the Lord of the Sabbath anymore. I’m Lord of Sunday.”* He never said this!

Those practicing Judaism as a religion in Israel had two sets of laws: God's Law (the Law of Moses) and the oral laws (man-made statutes). The oral laws would become the mishnahs of the Talmuds, the gemara, the writings of rabbis and sages (men's interpretations of God's laws, including those regarding the Sabbath). They established these laws because they were trying to protect God's Law. But their laws were legalistic and oppressive. **THESE** were the decrees burdening the Jews (traditions and rituals). **They were yokes of bondage.** God's Law is NOT a yoke of bondage. God's Law is freedom and liberty. The Pharisees had established complex and confusing Sabbath laws regarding HOW to observe the Sabbath (39 categories of work were prohibited by THEIR LAWS on the Sabbath—these included tying a knot, untying a knot, writing, erasing, carrying things, how far to walk, etc.). God had given His Law and had commanded that we not add onto it or take away from it. But they added onto His Law. **As Creator, Yeshua had the authority to overrule the Pharisees' traditions because He had created the Sabbath and He was Lord of the Sabbath. Yeshua had the authority to correctly interpret the meaning of the Sabbath.** Yeshua said *"Why do you also transgress the commandment of God because of your tradition? . . . Thus you have made the commandment of God of no effect by your tradition. Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying: . . . "And in vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men."* Matthew 15:3-9. **Yeshua challenged the legalism and interpretations of the Pharisees and Sadducees because they were focused on the oral law. Today, most Christians aren't keeping the Sabbath because they're "teaching as doctrines the commandments of men" (Catholicism). God knew we would lose it which is why He begins this commandment with "remember. God's Law and His Sabbath is the Biblical reality. We must remain firm in the truth.**

Yeshua's perspective wasn't *"If it's not in the New Testament, I'm not going to do it."* There are churches that teach that if something isn't in the New Testament, they don't have to do it. However, the Bereans studied the Old Testament. That's because God's Word is His Word from beginning to end. **Yeshua said "It is written" 30 times in the gospels. He was referencing the Old Testament and this is what He taught from. This was His foundation. He cited the prophets of old, the Psalms, the Torah, and He agreed on their doctrine and teaching. He demonstrated that they were fulfilled in Him. The Old Testament was called "the scriptures" during His life. He cited 56 Old Testament scriptures. He upheld the commandments. But He didn't abolish the Old Testament or the Law.** In **Matthew 19:16-20**, Yeshua told the rich young ruler that he must keep the commandments.

What is Yeshua's Law? It is His Father's Law. Yeshua couldn't have taught another Law other than His Father's—if He would've, He wouldn't have been the Messiah! His doctrine was the Father's doctrine.

Yeshua went into the synagogues on the Sabbath. He taught in the synagogues. He healed in the synagogues, on the Sabbath. Both Jews and Greeks (Gentiles) were in the synagogue on the Sabbath. Yeshua loved to heal on the Sabbath.

**THE SABBATH WAS A MIRACULOUS DAY FOR YESHUA TO HEAL AND DELIVER MANY PEOPLE!
HE GAVE THEM REST FROM THEIR SICKENESS AND DELIVERED THEM FROM DEMONIC OPPRESSION.
MOST OF YESHUA (JESUS)' (YESHUA'S) MIRACLES WERE PERFORMED ON THE SABBATH--
HE SET THEM FREE ON THE SABBATH.**

- 7. THE DISCIPLES KEPT THE SABBATH 85 TIMES IN THE BOOK OF ACTS. THE GOSPELS MENTION THE SABBATH AT LEAST 50 TIMES.** Paul praised the members of the church at Thessalonica, a largely Gentile congregation, for being *"Examples to all in Macedonia and Achaia who believe."* **Thessalonians 2:14** says *"For you, brethren, became imitators of the churches of God which are in Judea in Christ Jesus."* Did they abandon it, or did they follow the Example of the Sabbath-keeping congregations comprised primarily of Jews in Judea? The churches—whether made up of Jews or Gentile—that were established by Paul's teaching observed the Sabbath. **The scriptures show that Paul kept the seventh-day Sabbath.** Paul preached on the Sabbath (**Acts 13:42,44**). In **Acts 17**, 22 years after Yeshua's death and resurrection, the disciples were attending Sabbath services with the Jewish people on the 7th day. In no place in the Bible do we see Paul or any other disciple teaching them that they should worship on Sunday. In **Acts 17:1**, Paul went in 3 consecutive Sabbaths and reasoned. In **Acts 13:13**, Paul and the disciples came to the Synagogue in Perga to attend the Sabbath service. In **Acts 13:42**, *"the Jews begged that these words might be preached to them the next Sabbath."* Paul didn't say **"Come back on Sunday—we keep the 1st day of the week now!"** In **Acts 13:43** *"On the next Sabbath almost the whole city came together to hear the word of Yahweh."* If you worshipped God, you worshipped on the Sabbath. In **Acts 16:11**, they went out of the city to the riverside and sat down and spoke to the women they met there. It was a custom of that day for a Rabbi to shut down the synagogue if there weren't at least 10 people who would show up for the Sabbath meeting. This could very well be why the women were meeting by the riverside for prayer. The other reason could be that there were not enough people in the city to have a synagogue. In **Acts 18:4**, in Corinth, *"Paul reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath, and persuaded both Jews and Greeks."* **Greeks were coming to the synagogue on the Sabbath to hear God's word in addition to the Jews! Acts 17:4** says, *"Some of the Jews were*

persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a large number of God-fearing Greeks and quite a few prominent women."

In Steven's sermon in **Acts 7** before he was stoned, he said, *"You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it."* They were stiff-necked, their hearts weren't circumcised, and they resisted the Holy Spirit. The rejected God's Law and established their own laws.

- 8. PAUL KEPT THE SABBATH, THE ANNUAL FEASTS, AND THE TORAH.** Paul worked other days as a tentmaker, but he didn't work on the Sabbath! **He was keeping the Sabbath as he'd done his entire life.** In **Acts 18:5-11**, Paul was in the Synagogue **EVERY SABBATH** for **1 ½ years!** That is a total of **78 Sabbaths!** The Bible says that Paul went to the synagogue **EVERY** Sabbath persuading both Jews and Greeks. **Acts 17:2** *"As was his custom, Paul went into the synagogue, and on **three Sabbath days** he reasoned with them from the Scriptures, explaining and proving that the Messiah had to suffer and rise from the dead."* **Acts 18:4** *"Every Sabbath he reasoned in the synagogue, trying to persuade Jews and Greeks".* **He taught them to keep the Sabbath just as Yeshua had kept the Sabbath and as he kept the Sabbath. This is when "the Way" worshipped!** **Acts 13:42,44** *"So when the Jews went out of the synagogue, the Gentiles begged that these words might be preached to them the next Sabbath...On the next Sabbath almost the whole city came together to hear the word of God".* The Gentiles came to the synagogue on the Sabbath to hear the word and learn the Torah, the prophets, the Old Testament (the Scriptures). In **Acts 18:21**, He told the Ephesian church *"I must by all means keep this coming feast in Jerusalem; but I will return again to you, God willing."* In **1 Corinthians 5:8**, He wrote to the assembly with many former Gentiles at Corinth, telling them: *"Therefore, let us keep the feast".* **The early church was united in keeping the Sabbath and the Feasts.** He and his companions, including Luke, *"sailed away from Philippi after the Days of Unleavened Bread"* in **Acts 20:6**. *"He was hurrying to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the Day of Pentecost"* in **Acts 20:16**. Throughout the early church recorded in Acts, one thing remained: Paul, the disciples and those who believed in God and followed Yeshua observed the Sabbath and the Feasts of the Lord. Paul NEVER taught that you could do whatever you wanted.

Paul saw errors creeping into the Church and declared in **2 Thessalonians 2:7**: *"the mystery of iniquity doth already work."* Paul warned that after his death, from among *"the elders of the church,"* men would *"arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them"* in **Acts 20:17, 30**. This is exactly what happened! **1 Timothy 4:1** says, *"The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith (the faith of Yeshua which includes God's law) and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons.* The disciples considered someone to be in the faith who kept the commandments of God. The Catholic church is not taught by Yeshua, but by demons. So most churches worship on Sunday, not keeping the commandments of God.

In **Acts 21:19-26**, the elders told Paul to take the 4 men who were under a Nazarite vow and purify himself with them and pay their expenses. *"After greeting them, he related one by one the things that God had done among the Gentiles through his ministry. And when they heard it, they glorified God. And they said to him, "You see, brother, how many thousands there are among the Jews of those **who have believed. They are all zealous for the law,** and they have been told about you that you teach all the Jews who are among the Gentiles to forsake Moses, telling them not to circumcise their children or walk according to our customs. What then is to be done? They will certainly hear that you have come. Do therefore what we tell you. We have four men who are under a vow; take these men and purify yourself along with them and pay their expenses, so that they may shave their heads. Thus all will know that there is nothing in what they have been told about you, but that **you yourself also live in observance of the law.** But as for the Gentiles who have believed, we have sent a letter with our judgment that they should abstain from what has been sacrificed to idols, and from blood, and from what has been strangled, and from sexual immorality."* Then Paul took the men, and **the next day he purified himself along with them and went into the temple, giving notice when the days of purification would be fulfilled and the offering presented for each one of them."** So, Paul took a Nazarite vow from **Numbers 6:1-21**, the Torah! He was presenting a sacrifice/burnt offering in the temple. He was doing a purification ritual. After Yeshua ascended? **YES!** Paul purified himself, went into the Temple and presented offerings for he and the men with him. When the 7 days of purification were almost completed, **the Jews from Asia accused Paul of teaching against the law. But, the elders were keeping the Law, as was the church, and they didn't want Paul to be accused of teaching against it. This is Exactly what Yeshua was accused of! They sought to kill him, just like they sought to kill Yeshua. They were beating him when the Roman soldiers arrived, the Roman soldiers arrested him. The people were crying out "away with him!"** Wow. Paul wanted the Jews and the Gentiles to be saved, just like Yeshua. Paul never taught Jewish believers in Yeshua not to keep the laws given to Moses! Paul never claimed any authority to make changes to God's laws or commandments, and he quotes the OT. His writings have been misinterpreted, so many church leaders assert that the Law has changed or abolished. Paul would have never contradicted Yeshua or his own letters.

Peter says this about Paul's writings in **2 Peter 3:16-17** *"Indeed, he speaks about these things in all his letters. They contain some things that are hard to understand, things which the uninstructed and unstable distort, to their own destruction, as they do the other Scriptures. But you, dear friends, since you know this in advance, guard yourselves; so that you will not be led away by the errors of the lawless and fall from your own secure position."* Peter warned us to guard against people who are teaching lawlessness. He said those teaching a lawless gospel would be destroyed and warned us not to be led away by this error. A gospel of disobedience is NOT the gospel of Yeshua.

Paul's Jewish opponents accused him of teaching against the Law in Acts 21, but not in regards to the Sabbath because he was in the synagogue on the Sabbath. **But he was never accused of teaching that the Sabbath was abolished.** Paul and the disciples were in the synagogue every Sabbath teaching the Torah, the Prophets, and and the Messiah.

**THE GOSPEL COULD NOT HAVE BEEN PREACHED IF THE DISCIPLES HAD BEEN LAWLESS!
THEY WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN FOLLOWERS OF YESHUA!
HE WAS PURE AND HOLY AND KEPT GOD'S LAW PERFECTLY.**

Here are some things to think about:

- a. If the Sabbath, the Feasts, and the Law don't exist for us today, why did Paul and the disciples keep them after Yeshua (Jesus) died, resurrected and ascended?
- b. If the new testament believers were keeping the Old Testament laws, when were those laws abolished? They weren't abolished during the time of the disciples and Paul.
- c. If someone teaches this, they need to be able to say when they laws were abolished and give Scripture to back it up.
- d. If the church had been keeping the Sabbath and the Feasts for the last 2,000 years, how many people would we have brought into the truth of the bible?
- e. If the church had been keeping the Sabbath and the Feasts for that time period, would the church be unified? Would there be so many denominations and religions within Christianity?
- f. Do you see how the enemy uses lawlessness to cause division in the church?

9. IN MATTHEW 24, YESHUA KNEW THAT REMNANT BELIEVERS WOULD BE KEEPING THE SABBATH AT THE END OF THIS AGE! In **Matthew 24:20** Yeshua said, "Pray that your flight may not be in winter or on a Sabbath." The context is that the disciples asked Yeshua *"when will this happen, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?"* Yeshua is talking about the signs of His coming and the **end of the age** and He speaks of the fleeing of God's people in **the end times**. He said, *"when you see standing in the Holy place the abomination that causes desolation spoken of through the prophet Daniel...then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains."* **This proves that even in the end times, the Sabbath is still being kept by His followers.**

10. WE WILL CELEBRATE THE SABBATH IN THE MILLENNIAL KINGDOM: **Ezekiel 46:1-3** says *"Thus says the Lord God: The gate of the inner court that faces east shall be shut on the six working days, but on the Sabbath day it shall be opened, and on the day of (Rosh Chodesh) the new moon it shall be opened. The prince shall enter by the vestibule of the gate from outside, and shall take his stand by the post of the gate. The priests shall offer his burnt offering and his peace offerings, and he shall worship at the threshold of the gate. Then he shall go out, but the gate shall not be shut until evening. The people of the land shall bow down at the entrance of that gate before the Lord **on the Sabbaths and on the new moons** (new moons is a mistranslation. Rosh Chodesh is the Hebrew and it means "head of the month"). **Isaiah 56:6-7** says, "Everyone who keeps from defiling **the Sabbath**, and holds fast **My covenant**-even them I will bring to My holy mountain and make them joyful in My house of prayer." We see that keeping Sabbath is part of the New Covenant! God SPECIFIES that He will bring those who don't defile His Sabbath and holds fast to His covenant to His Holy Mountain.*

Isaiah 2:2-4 says *"And it shall come to pass at **the end of the days**, that the mountain of the house of Yahweh shall be established at the top of the mountains and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow to it. And **many people** shall go and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of God, to the house of the God 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 (Torah)**, 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 ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore."* **If in the end of days ALL NATIONS are flowing to Jerusalem to have Him teach us His ways, and we will walk in His paths, and the Law (Torah) will go out of Zion, why aren't we doing walking in His paths/ways now? Why don't we keep Torah now?**

WE CAN'T SAY THAT THE TORAH AND THE SABBATH IS FOR THE JEWS WHEN IT WAS FOR THE DISCIPLES, PAUL, AND YESHUA, AND WILL BE FOR ALL NATIONS IN THE END OF DAYS.

IF HIS WORD STANDS FOREVER, HIS LAW STANDS FOREVER.

What are “His ways, the Law, and the word of Yahweh”? All we have to do is look at scripture and test it:

Malachi 3:6 “For I the Lord **do not change**; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed.”

Hebrews 13:8 “Jesus Christ is the same **yesterday and today and forever.**”

Matthew 24:35 “Heaven and earth will pass away, but **my words will not pass away.**”

Isaiah 40:8 “The grass withers, the flower fades, but **the word of our God will stand forever.**”

John 1:1 “In the beginning was the Word, and **the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**”

Psalm 18:30 “As for God, **His way is blameless**; The word of the Lord is tried;”

Psalm 33:4 “For **the word of the Lord is upright**, and all His work is done in faithfulness.”

Psalm 33:11 “**The counsel of the Lord stands forever**, the plans of his heart to all Generations.”

Psalm 119:89 “Forever, O Lord, your word is firmly fixed in the heavens.”

John 17:17 “Sanctify them in **the truth**; your word is truth.”

2 Timothy 3:16 “**All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness**, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.”

James 1:17 “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights **with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.**”

1 Peter 1:23 “that is, through **the living and enduring word of God.**”

1 Peter 1:25 “**But the word of the Lord endures forever.**” And this is the word which was preached to you.”

Proverbs 30:5 “**Every word of God is tested**; He is a shield to those who take refuge in Him.”

I hope your eyes are being opened to the fact that we have taken away from the Word of God, that His Law or word won't pass away, that it endures forever, it is fixed in the heavens and His Word is truth, which means His Law is truth.

- 11. WE WILL KEEP THE SABBATH ON THE NEW EARTH:** **Isaiah 66:23** says “And it shall come to pass that from one New Moon to another (month), and from one Sabbath to another, **all flesh (not Jews)** shall come to worship before Me”, says the Lord”. This is proof that the Head of the Month (Rosh Chodesh) monthly holidays will be celebrated in God's Kingdom, and on the Sabbaths we will worship God! It is talking about everyone on the earth in the Millennial Kingdom. Who will keep the Sabbath? **ALL FLESH**. All flesh kept the Sabbath after creation, before the Law was given on Mt. Sinai, when Yeshua (Jesus) had His ministry on the earth, and after He ascended, and ALL flesh will keep it during the Millennial Kingdom. Why are we NOT keeping God's Sabbath now?

So, we can't believe in a demonic doctrine that says there's one law for the Jew and a different law for the Gentile. This false doctrine teaches that the church doesn't have to keep the Sabbath. It teaches that there's different laws for different groups. But there are not 9 laws for one group, and 10 for the other. When I share the gospel I say, “it's not about religion, it's about relationship.” If everyone kept the Sabbath who were God's people from creation, and the followers of God/Yeshua kept the Sabbath after Yeshua died, resurrected, and ascended, and we will keep the Sabbath in the millennial Kingdom, why would we not have to keep it now? **If you're saying you don't have to keep the Sabbath now, you're saying “in the past, not present, but future.” Does that sound like God who doesn't change?** We need to understand that Satan doesn't want us to keep all 10 commandments because the remnant and the saints in Revelation 12:17 and 14:12 keep God's commandments AND have the testimony of Yeshua (Jesus).

SATAN DOESN'T WANT YOU TO BE THE REMNANT OR A SAINT!

Does Scripture say that God changes His word or His laws? Does it say that His counsel changes? That it changes for particular generations? Does God change for different people? **Because if you say that He does, then I'm going to present this argument to you: This is going to be a different topic-homosexuality. Does His Word change based on what society is doing?** Christians believe that homosexuality is a sin. The reason is because it's in God's Torah in Leviticus 18. **And that doesn't mean that just because you're not a Christian you can break the laws of sexual immorality because there's one Law for ALL! A Christian would call someone who breaks the laws of sexual immorality a sinner, but then will not call someone who breaks the 4th commandment a sinner, but calls them a follower of Yeshua. Do you see the hypocrisy in this?** In Acts 10:34 Peter said, “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to Him.” Peter says that the people who are acceptable to God fear Him and do what is right and acceptable. So, we know what is right. Doing the commandments of God. Not be hearers only but doing what He's commanded. If God has established that this Sabbath is right, why aren't you keeping it?

Would God have one covenant for Israel and another covenant for the Gentiles? If that is the case, God's “New Covenant” through Yeshua (Messiah) wouldn't apply to Israel and the mosaic covenant, wouldn't apply to Gentiles. We've just gone over scripture that proves this is false. God's covenants have always been for those

who would be/were His covenant people. The only exception is the Noahic covenant which was given to everyone. If God intended for His commandment to be ignored, He would have made this clear. He told Israel not to break his commandments. He said, "*take care to obey.*"

SECTION 8: THE LORD'S DAY? WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT IT:

The Bible ONLY MENTIONS THE LORD'S DAY ONCE, IN REVELATION 1:10. John says, *"I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet."* The Greek word for "the Lord's" is "Kyriakos" and it means "belonging to the Lord," or "related to the Lord's Day." Now that we've looked at Scripture and what the Bible says about the Sabbath, what day is the Lord's day? According to Scripture, it is the 7th day Sabbath. If we start in **Genesis 2:3**, *"The Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy."* This was the day the Lord set aside. **Exodus 20:10** says, *"The seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God."* **Exodus 20:11** says, *"For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it"* **John wasn't in the Spirit on Sunday.** If he had been, Sunday would be referenced in Scripture as the Lord's day, but it's not. He was referring to the Sabbath. Everyone would have known this who read his book for the first few centuries after it was written. But because the Roman Catholic church (RCC) tried to replace the Sabbath with Sunday, most churches believe the lie that the Lord's day is Sunday that the RCC propagated to prove the day they wanted everyone to worship on, Sunday. The Lord's Day of worship is the Sabbath.

**YESHUA DID NOT ABOLISH THE SABBATH AND RE-INSTITUTE SUNDAY AS THE LORD'S DAY.
SUNDAY WORSHIP WAS ORDAINED BY MAN.
SUNDAY WASN'T KEPT BY DISCIPLES OR FOLLOWERS OF YESHUA.**

God has very precise instructions. Yeshua would have given very precise instructions to the disciples to keep another day. He would've said *"I have kept the Sabbath and taught you to keep it, but I'm going to die, resurrect, and ascend to My Father. I don't want you to keep the Sabbath anymore (even though it's an eternal commandment). I want you to keep Sunday to remember the day I resurrected (even though one of the annual Feasts of the Lord, Firstfruits, remembers this)."* **Are there any scriptures that say God no longer wants us to keep the Sabbath? Would he withdraw His wonderful gift of sabbath? The Sabbath is an eternal sign that we're in covenant with God. God won't break it, and we can't either if we want to belong to Him. One of the biggest lies I hear pastors say is that we can decide which day we keep as the Sabbath.** They are saying *"you can take a Sabbath on any day of the week you want to."* And *"I worship God every day of the week."* In saying these things, they ignore the commandment, and like Saul they want to keep the commandment their way. This is rebellion, pride and stubbornness. And Yeshua told us that they will be considered least in the Kingdom of Heaven in Matthew 5:19 because they aren't upholding God's Law, the very God they claim to worship. Yeshua is the Lord of the Sabbath, so if He's your Lord, you keep His Sabbath. You don't make up your own. This is one the most Satanic things I've ever heard. Satan wants you to worship on a counterfeit day instead of worshipping on God's true Sabbath. **And as the Lord of the Sabbath He would NEVER change it because He never changes. He is the same yesterday, today and forever!**

The Sabbath commenced in Genesis. The Law is the standard of heaven. **2 Timothy 4:3-4** says, *"For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths."* **Sunday being the Sabbath (or a "holy day") is a myth invented by Satan and propagated by the RCC.** It's the day of worship that the "un-holy" (defiled) Roman empire produced. God determines what is holy and defiled. We can't make something holy that isn't, and we can't do whatever we want to do. **God did NOT establish Sunday as holy.** **Isaiah 53:6** says, *"All we like sheep have gone astray: we have turned-every one-to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all."* Yeshua took my iniquity. I don't want to go astray anymore. I don't want to sin. **If you've wandered off, come back to God's Word. Sheep, come back! Quit following the RCC and follow your Savior. Make Him the Lord of your life by obeying EVERYTHING He commanded! The enemy is twisting the Word of God and you don't have to believe it anymore.** The RCC has taught this for almost 2,000 years. It's all Satan's plan to lead you astray and steal your salvation.

Now that you know this, we're going to talk about the lies he has told men, and they have believed and taught leading people astray from God and His will and His Law.

SECTION 9: WHY THE CHURCH DOESN'T OBSERVE THE SABBATH: THE LIES AND EXCUSES OF THE ENEMY:

Now we're going to look at the lies that the enemy has perpetrated through the church about the Sabbath.

LIE #1: PEOPLE DIDN'T OBSERVE THE SABBATH PRIOR TO THE 10 COMMANDMENTS. Genesis 2:1 says *"Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished. And on the seventh day GOD ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the 7th day from all His work which He had done. Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made."* He created the Sabbath for mankind. The Sabbath was kept since the Garden of Eden. In Genesis 26:4-5, God spoke to Isaac. *"I will multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and will give to your offspring all these lands. And in your offspring all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because Abraham obeyed my voice and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws."* God had commandments, statutes and laws before He gave them to Israel at Mt. Sinai. Abraham walked in them and Isaac and Jacob's offspring were blessed because of it. God tested His people to see if they would keep the 7th day in the wilderness Exodus 16, **before He even gave the 10 commandments.** So, yes, the Sabbath existed before the 10 commandments were given and God's commandments were passed down. Those who were found righteous before He gave the Law on Mt. Sinai kept His commandments.

LIE #2: CHRIST HAS MADE THE OLD LAW OF THE SABBATH NO LONGER BINDING. CHRIST'S DEATH DID AWAY WITH THE LAW AND OUR NEED TO OBEY THE COMMANDMENTS This is not true. Yeshua died to **FULLFILL** the Law and the prophets, not to do away with them! He did not make the *"old law"*--the ten commandments-- no longer needed. There are pastors who teach that there's a new law. But, they can't tell you what that new law is. Is it ok to kill? To commit adultery? To steal? To lie? To blaspheme God? To covet? The church would agree that breaking any of these commandments is sin. **However, the church objects to keeping the Sabbath commandment! And they don't think breaking this commandment is defined as sin. Don't you see this is hypocrisy? They justify it because they say this one commandment is for the Jews.** But justifying sin is exactly what Satan convinced Eve to do in the Garden.

Christ's death didn't do away with the commandments. If it would have, Yeshua (Jesus) would've told us that. Yeshua (Jesus) told us that *"not one jot or tittle shall in no wise pass from the Law until ALL is fulfilled."* And all isn't fulfilled until Revelation 21. Many preachers teach that everything in the Old Testament was a shadow/type of what we would have as New Testament believers. The teach that Yeshua (Jesus) gave us a new law, which was only two commandments. I've already addressed that argument.

Matthew 7:13-14 says, *"Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it."* The narrow way includes keeping/obeying all of God's commandments. That is why few there are that find it. Because most people want to take the wide and easy way.

IF WE AREN'T KEEPING HIS COMMANDMENTS, CAN WE SAY WE LOVE HIM?

The ten commandments is not the **old law**. It is **THE LAW**. The Sabbath is not A Sabbath, it is **THE Sabbath**. Many Christians say that Yeshua has made the old law of the Sabbath no longer required or binding. But what does God say? Yeshua wouldn't have done away with 1 commandment, the Sabbath, but left all the other commandments. **Yeshua would have never disagreed with that because He is God and there is only one Law.**

LIE #3: THE SABBATH IS NOW THE 1ST DAY OF THE WEEK, THE DAY THAT YESHUA ROSE FROM THE DEAD AND THIS HONORS THE RESURRECTION. Wouldn't it make more sense to rest when He rested in the grave (the Sabbath)? **God never told us to honor Sunday due to the resurrection. He told us to honor Him by obeying Him.** 1 Samuel 2:30 says *"Far be it from Me, for those who honor Me I will honor, and those who despise me shall be lightly esteemed."* Deuteronomy 10:12 says *"And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you, but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all His ways, to love Him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul."* **God's holy day is the Sabbath, and if we are loving Him and serving Him, we will keep the Sabbath holy. This is what the Bible counsels us to do. In Section 2, #4, ("What the Early Church Fathers Said"), I showed that the early Church fathers said that they would worship on Sunday, the day of sun worship and celebrate the resurrection. But this was a contradiction to Scripture.**

I want to discuss the appointed time God gave us to celebrate the resurrection. In the Bible we are counseled, commanded, or instructed to keep **Firstfruits, one of the Feasts of the Lord in Leviticus 23.** On the first day of the week after Passover, the Feast of Firstfruits is celebrated. It is once a year, **NOT** once a week. Do you see the enemy's strategy? He's the author of confusion. He has confused most Christians to think they are supposed to celebrate the resurrection once a week, but in reality they are supposed to celebrate Yeshua being the firstfruits of the resurrection one day per year.

GOD HAS A SET DAY AND PURPOSE FOR EVERY HOLY DAY.

The enemy has deceived people into believing:

Sunday (one day a week) is the “*appointed time*” to celebrate the resurrection, but the Feast of Firstfruits is one day a year.

Sunday is not the Sabbath. The seventh day is.

The purpose of the Sabbath isn’t to celebrate the resurrection. The purpose of the Sabbath is to celebrate the God is the creator—He created the earth and everything belongs to Him, including the day He set apart as the Sabbath.

**THE RESURRECTION IS NOT THE PURPOSE OF THE SABBATH. IT’S TO REMEMBER THAT GOD IS THE CREATOR.
THE RESURRECTION IS NOT SUPPOSED TO BE CELEBRATED ONCE A WEEK, BUT ONCE PER YEAR.**

Just because Sunday is the day when most churches in the world worship doesn’t mean that’s when we are to worship God with a holy convocation. God is very clear and He gives us very clear commandments.

The road is **NARROW**. When Yeshua was on the earth, the Pharisees were holding on to man-made traditions. They had added on to the Law. **We’ve done the same thing today. We’ve added to the Law, taken away from the Law, and are holding on to man-made traditions. We haven’t been keeping the commandments of God and worshipping Him at His appointed times! We’re giving ourselves over to men and Satan. By holding on to traditions, we’re neglecting God’s commands. We’re departing from God’s ways.** In **Deuteronomy 10:12** above, we see what God requires of us. If we’re not walking in the Lord’s ways, we don’t fear Him. **To walk in all His ways means we keep His commandments the way He commanded us to keep them on the days He commanded us to keep them and for the purpose He commanded us to keep them.**

**THE ENEMY HAS DECEIVED THE CHURCH ABOUT THE DAY, THE APPOINTED TIME,
AND THE PURPOSE OF THE SABBATH.**

**SATAN WILL DISAGREE WITH THE WORD OF GOD
AND TRY TO CONVINCING YOU THAT HIS DISAGREEMENT IS AN ACCEPTABLE WAY.**

It wasn’t acceptable for Adam and Eve to eat of the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil, and not’s acceptable to break God’s commandments today. If we love Him, we don’t want to sin. If we belong to Him, we don’t continue sinning according to 1 John 3.

LIE #4: THE BIBLE DOESN’T SAY YESHUA KEPT THE SABBATH AFTER HIS CRUCIFIXION. Hebrews 13:8 says, “*Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.*” Yeshua kept the Sabbath. **He didn’t say not to keep the Sabbath.** Whether or not the Bible says He kept the Sabbath after His crucifixion is irrelevant. He’s Lord over the Sabbath and that didn’t change with His death or resurrection.

Psalm 100:5 says, “*For the Lord is good, His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endures to all generations.*” **His truth endures FOREVER.** **Malachi 3:6** says, “*For I the Lord do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed.*” **Numbers 23:19** says “*God is not man, that He should lie, or a son of man, that He should change His mind. Has He said, and will He not do it? Or has He spoken, and will He not fulfill it?*” **Did God change His mind about the Sabbath? Scripture doesn’t say this ANYWHERE.** Yeshua came to fulfill the Law, but He didn’t fulfill all of it. For example, He didn’t fulfill the last 3 of the 7 Feasts of the Lord. He will fulfill those when He comes the next time. He didn’t fulfill all of the prophets. He will fulfill many Old Testament prophecies when He comes the second time. **To say that Yeshua (Jesus) fulfilled the Law so we don’t have to keep it is ADDING TO THE WORD OF GOD is nonsense. Because God doesn’t say this anywhere.**

God does nothing without first revealing it through the prophets, and the prophets never said the Yeshua would come with a new Law. What did He reveal through the prophets? That rebellion and disobedience brought curses, death, and Exile! He revealed that the people had been rebelling and disobeying His commandments and He called them to repent and turn back to Him. God always used the prophets to tell His people how they were not obeying Him, and to tell them what to do or not to do. The problem with Israel is that they were not living in covenant with God even though He chose them and delivered them from slavery. And today, we are just like Israel. Many claim they know God, they obey God and they belong to Him but when we look at what the New Testament says, we see that they are just like Israel. They aren’t keeping the commandments, they’re out of covenant, and according to **1 John 3** aren’t abiding in Him and don’t belong to Him. Yeshua said in **Matthew 7:21-23** that many would stand before Him when He returns and call Him Lord. They will tell Him about the many marvelous works they did in His name. But, He will say to them, “*I never knew you. Depart from Me, you workers of lawlessness.*” He will tell the Lawbreakers that they didn’t belong to Him. They called Him their Lord, but they didn’t keep the Sabbath of the Lord of the Sabbath and they didn’t obey His commandments. Their

houses weren't built on the Rock (**Matthew 7:24-27**) and they weren't prepared (**Matthew 25:1-13**). They were foolish. We have to look at the entire Word of God!

**THE WORD SAYS TO KEEP THE SABBATH, AND IF IT STANDS FOREVER,
IT MEANS THAT WE KEEP THE SABBATH FOREVER!**

Psalm 102:27 says, "*But You are the same, and Your years have no end.*" **God is the same, His word is the same, and His laws are the same. If we don't believe this, we've got a real problem.**

Hebrews 13:8 says, "*Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.*" **This is who He is! Yeshua was NOT different before He came or after He left. However, most churches teach He changed something because He left. If He's the Word made flesh, this is impossible!** Hebrews 1 says that He is the same and Hebrews also says that Yeshua holds all things together by the words of His power. So, He holds the Sabbath together. It is one of the ALL things!

**IF YOU NEED EVIDENCE THAT YESHUA (JESUS) KEPT THE SABBATH AFTER HIS CRUCIFIXION,
YOU WOULD HAVE TO HAVE EVIDENCE THAT HE KEPT EVERY OTHER LAW AFTER HIS CRUCIFIXION.**

LIE #5: JESUS IS OUR SABBATH REST. This argument comes from the early church fathers, which I've documented in **Section 2.5. This started with Augustine of Hippo.** Hebrews 4 has been used to say that the Sabbath rest IS Yeshua- that we have a better rest because we rest in Christ. But the writer of Hebrews doesn't say that. How many Christians do you know that are at rest? No, they aren't. Scripture doesn't say our rest is in Christ. It actually says the opposite:

John 16:33 says, "*In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.*" Are you at rest when you have trouble? No.

2 Timothy 3:12 "*Everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.*" Are you at rest when you're being persecuted? No.

Matthew 5:10 "*Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*"

John 15:18 "If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated Me first."

Philippians 1:29 "*For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for Him.*" Yeshua told us in **Mark 13:9-13, Matthew 23:34, Luke 11:49, 21:12** that many things would happen to us and we would face persecution and even death for His name. **He NEVER ONCE SAID "You will rest in Me" or "I am your rest now."**

We won't rest until the Millennial Kingdom, the millennial Sabbath. God gave us His Sabbath because He knew we would need to rest from working! God's way is the Sabbath because He kept it Himself. God declared "*Her (Israel) priests have done violence to My Law and have profaned My holy things. They have made no distinction between the holy and the common, neither have they taught the difference between the unclean and the clean, and they have disregarded My Sabbaths, so that I am profaned among them.*" **Ezekiel 22:26.** 1 Peter 2:9 says that we're a kingdom of priests, so we should know the difference between the things God expects us to know. We do this by keeping His Torah (Law, instructions). God takes His Sabbath so seriously that one of the reasons the kingdom of Judah went into exile in Babylon is because they the land Sabbath commandment, which required the land to rest from harvest on the 7th year. If only we were as serious about God's commandments as He is.

Hebrews 4 talks about the Sabbath. The context is that he was talking Israel, who went astray in their hearts, and they didn't know God's ways. "*Therefore, while **the promise of entering his rest still stands (the Millennial Kingdom-rest), let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it. For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened.*** For we who have believed enter that rest, as He has said, 'As I swore in my wrath, "They shall not enter my rest,"' (Psalm 95:11) although His works were finished from the foundation of the world. For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: 'And God rested on the seventh day from all his works.' (Genesis 2:2) And again in this passage He said, 'They shall not enter my rest.' (Psalm 95:11) Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and **those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience,** again he appoints a certain day, 'Today,' saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted, "**Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts.**" (Psalm 95:7-8) For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. **So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from His.** (There is still a Sabbath rest for the people of God. If you're the people of God, you're entering His rest, keeping the Sabbath, resting from your works). **Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience.** For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and Exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account." **We can see the context is discussing the weekly Sabbath rest, because the author mentions "whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from His works as God did from His."** This is referencing the weekly Sabbath. If Yeshua is automatically our rest, and He automatically becomes our Savior when we confess Him as Lord, how do we strive to enter Him? This doesn't work if you use the theology that Yeshua is our rest. Rather, the writer of Hebrews is warning us to strive to keep

God's weekly Sabbath holy. If we don't, we've hardened our hearts. We are like Israel—rebellious, stubborn and disobedient.

LIE #6: THE SABBATH CONCERNS ONLY ISRAEL/THE JEWS. The Roman Catholic church claim is that Sabbath is singled out of the 10 commandments as given only to the Jews. People will say that the Sabbath is a ceremonial law, but the other 9 commandments are the moral Law. But the 10 commandments are God's royal eternal Law. It is part of His eternal covenant with Israel. So, **this argument can't be supported in Scripture.** **1 John 5:3** defines loving God "*For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments and they are not burdensome.*" If we're not keeping His commandments, how are we going to stand before Him at the judgment? He expects us to know His Word and His instructions. **If we disobey like Israel did, we will not have any excuses when we stand before Him at the judgment. What would you say if Yeshua asked you: How much time did you spend in the Bible getting to know Me and what I taught? How much dedication did you give to obeying the Father and keeping His commandments? 1 Corinthians 10 talks about what Israel did and how we're not supposed to disobey like they did.**

Paul said to the Gentiles: "*being a wild olive tree, were grafted in among them [circumcised Israelites], and with them became a partaker of the root and fatness of the olive tree*" **Romans 11:17. We are Israel.** Many of us are Gentiles grafted into Israel. The "*body*" of Yeshua is transformed from lawlessness to obedient through the Holy Spirit. **Spiritually transformed means we don't follow the traditions of men, we follow God, we follow Yeshua.** We are "*a chosen Generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, [God's] own special people...who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy*" **1 Peter 2:9-10. This goes back to the role given to God's nation of Israel in the Old Testament** (see Exodus 19:5-6). Peter is saying that the people who believe in Messiah are a holy nation (Israel). **Deuteronomy 7:6** says, "*For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth.*" God doesn't change and Yeshua nor the disciples changed His Word. **Exodus 12:49** says "***There shall be one law for the native and for the stranger who sojourns among you.***" It was given to Israel, the native and the strangers that sojourns among them. **I'm grafted into Israel so the Law is for me!!** God didn't give the 4th commandment only to the Israelites and the other 9 to everyone else. He gave the 10 commandments to Israel (and the sojourners among them), and we're grafted in.

There were no Jews at that time. The Jews are the descendants of the tribe of Judah or people who lived/live in the land of Judeah. They are not all of the 12 tribes of Israel. But the word "Jew" became a slang term for anyone from Israel.. **The Sabbath is for anyone who is in Yeshua.** God called it "*the Sabbath of the Lord.*" **The Sabbath is also for the "stranger" (Gentiles).** **Exodus 20:10** says "*In it you shall do no work; you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, or your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates.*" **Deuteronomy 6:5** proves the Law of God is love and eternal, stating that **LOVING** God with all your heart, might and soul is to keep **ALL** the Ten Commandments. The Sabbath commandment isn't singled out for the Jews.

**GOD ALWAYS HAD ONE LAW FOR ISRAEL AND ANYONE THAT SOJOURNED AMONG THEM,
ANYONE WHO WORSHIPPED GOD.**

**THIS IS ONE OF THE BIGGEST DECEPTIONS IN THE CHURCH,
AND THIS IS WHY MOST CHURCHES WORSHIP ON SUNDAY.**

Deuteronomy 28 is known as the chapter about "*Blessings and Curses*". God said, "*All these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, if you obey the voice of the Lord your God.....but if you will not obey the voice of the Lord your God or be careful to do ALL His commandments and His statutes that I command you today, then all these curses shall come upon you and overtake you.*"

Let's look at what's going on in the world. There are diseases, disasters, our food supply is being destroyed, there is confusion and frustration, and there is evil and pestilence. I believe the reason is because we've disobeyed God, His commandments (Torah), and His Word. We aren't in covenant with Him. He tells in **2 Chronicles 7:14** that if we **humble ourselves, repent and turn back to His ancient ways, He will heal our land!** **Amos 8:11** says, "*Behold, days are coming, declares the Lord God, when I will send a famine on the land, not a famine for bread or a thirst for water, but rather for hearing the words of the Lord.*" **I believe we're in this famine right now.**

**WHY IS THIS ONE COMMANDMENT (THE SABBATH) THE ONE THAT ISN'T APPLICABLE TO US?
THIS IS A DECEPTION OF THE ENEMY.**

LIE #7: GOD'S LAW ENDED WITH CHRIST AND IS THE LAW OF BONDAGE. The church uses **Romans 10:4** to say that the law ended with Christ. "*For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone that believeth.*" The Greek word for end is "*telos,*" and here are its meanings. The Strongs definition of "*Telos*" is: "*a definite point or goal, the point aimed at as a limit, the conclusion of an act or state (the last in any succession or series, eternal, the end to which all things relate, the aim, goal, purpose, result; finally, uttermost, termination, .*" **I think this is great because Yeshua paid the fine for our**

sins, our breaking the law. I looked up the word “for” and it means “into, unto, to, towards, for, among.” **If we read it “Christ is the aim, the purpose, goal of the Law, what the Law pointed to for righteousness unto, towards, for among everyone that believes” it’s a completely different meaning. It shows you that He filled it up to its fullest meaning, which is exactly what He said in Matthew 5:17: “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.”** The Word fulfill means fill it up to its fullest meaning. So, Yeshua came not to destroy the Law, but to bring about what the commandments said, to fulfill and complete them! **The enemy has twisted the meaning of this verse and the translators who had their own agenda were used to deceived masses of people!** The Complete Jewish Bible says, “*or the goal at which the Torah aims is the Messiah, who offers righteousness to everyone who trusts.*” In **Matthew 5:18-20**, Yeshua said, “*until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.*” We’ve already reviewed that heaven and earth haven’t passed away and won’t until Revelation 21. This means that not the smallest stroke has passed from the Law. Will you believe Yeshua? Will you believe God? Will you believe His Word? **People broke the Law. And because of that, Messiah came to give His life so that those of us who broke the Law would be saved from the curse, the penalty, death for breaking the Law! He came to inaugurate the New Covenant, that God would write His Law on our minds and in our hearts (Ezekiel 11:19-20, Jeremiah 31:33, Hebrews 8:10), that He would put a new Spirit (the Holy Spirit) within us to cause us to keep His statutes (Ezekiel 36:26). It doesn’t mean we keep breaking the Law! The Law aimed us to Him. The goal of the Law was Messiah, to make us like Him! Does that mean that we no longer have to keep it? Do we “make void the Law through faith? God forbid! Yeah, we establish the Law!” Romans 3:31. But Scripture says the Law is everlasting.**

I also want to look at the context of Romans 10:4. Paul was talking to the church and he wanted to pray for Israel that they might be saved. He said that they had a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. What knowledge did they not have? The knowledge of Messiah Yeshua. They didn’t know the righteousness of God came through Messiah, because He was the goal of the Law. The Pharisees and those in the religion of Judaism which they had made up was a mixture of paganism (Babylonian, Assyrian and other pagan ways) with the worship of God. They put more weight in their commandments than the Law of God and they kept the Law of God the way they thought it should be kept. But in their religion, they didn’t believe the Messiah was God’s Son or the anointed one. They were blinded because God will give a spirit of delusion, a reprobate mind, to those who do not retain God in their knowledge (Romans 1:28). They did not believe He was the greater prophet Moses wrote about in **Deuteronomy 18:15-18**. He rebuked them for this in **John 5:46** “*If you had believed Moses, you would believe Me, for he wrote of Me.*” In vs 3 he says “*For, being ignorant of the righteousness of God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God’s righteousness.*” **So, in Romans 10:4, this is the context in which Paul is talking about the Law. Paul was teaching that Yeshua was the object and goal of the Law into righteousness. He was saying that there is no righteousness without Yeshua!** The Jews did not have faith in Yeshua. They had faith in their own works. The Talmud calls the works that men do from it “*the works of the Law.*”

Isaiah is about Judah, who like Israel had left God, going their own ways and breaking His Law. God was executing the vengeance of the covenant, just like He told the people He would do if in **Leviticus 26:25** if they rebelled and disobeyed. The first part of **Isaiah 63** is about the day of the Lord’s vengeance. Beginning in **verse 7**, Isaiah is crying out to God, remembering His mercy and speaking prophetically about Yeshua. In **verse 10**, he said, “*But they rebelled and grieved his Holy Spirit; therefore he turned to be their enemy, and himself fought against them.*” Isaiah understood the vengeance of the covenant. He prays and asks God to have mercy on them. In **verse 19**, he said, “*We have become like those over whom you have never ruled, like those who are not called by your name.*” Why did he say this? Because the people didn’t act like they belonged to God. They rebelled against Him and didn’t keep His commandments. They went the ways of pagans. In **chapter 64:5-6**, he says, “*Behold, you were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved? We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment (filthy rags).*” They weren’t doing God’s righteousness. They were doing their own thing, thinking they were righteous! This verse has been misapplied and misquoted by many false teachers. **God’s righteousness is not filthy rags, it is a pure cleansed garment!!!** We cannot be righteous doing our own thing. The people of Judah thought they were right with God, but they weren’t, and God brought judgement. I believe the same thing will happen in the United States if we don’t repent and turn back to the Father’s ways. God will tolerate things so long, but He will execute the vengeance of the covenant because if we haven’t repented of breaking God’s Law, we haven’t returned to God.

James 1:25 says “*But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.*” But what is this perfect law? **Psalm 19:7** says “*The Law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple.*” **This is not some new law of the New Testament, but the Law of God. The one given at Sinai. The Law of the Lord is a revelation of His character. The violation of His Law constitutes sin. People teach that the law of liberty is the “gospel”, but the gospel includes repenting and returning to God’s to be in Is will-keep His eternal Laws! Paul nor Yeshua can teach against what the counsel of Scripture teaches. When we see a word translated and it doesn’t match what other verses**

say, we have to look up the meanings of the words to see if the correct meaning was translated. We're supposed to study like Bereans.

**IF THE 10 COMMANDMENTS IS THE LAW OF LIBERTY, WHY DO WE KEEP 9, BUT NOT THE 4TH?
DO YOU SEE WHY THE CHURCH IS IN BONDAGE?**

The church believes in Messiah. The Jewish people believe in the Law. The enemy's schemes are to blind the Jewish people about the Messiah and to blind the church about the Law. His scheme is to cause division among the people of God. He doesn't want anyone to be in covenant, because God's covenant people will be with Him eternally. This is crazy! If everyone can live by their own rules, why would we need God's rules?

JEWS BLINDED BY YESHUA	CHRISTIANS BLINDED BY THE LAW
	

Let's look at what the Bible says about faith and works. James 2:8-26 discusses this. In **verse 9**, James calls the law "**the royal law**". In **verse 12**, he said "*So speak and so act as those who are to be judged under the law of liberty.*" So, the Word of God doesn't contradict itself. The word "*under*" is the Greek word hypo and it means "*of, by, under, with, or in.*" **So we will be judged of the Law, by the Law, under the Law, with and in the Law (the Law will be how we are judged).** In **verses 18-26**, he says "*Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder! Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith apart from works is useless? Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar? You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works; and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness"—and he was called a friend of God. You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. And in the same way was not also Rahab the prostitute justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way? For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead.*" Obedience is works. It is a result of our love for God.

Ephesians 2:8-10 says "*For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.*" We have not been saved because of works, but by grace through faith. The Bible says that in our sin He makes us alive (**Ephesians 2:1**). God doesn't deliver people because they keep the Law, He delivers them because He chose them before the foundation of the world by grace. He gives us the faith to believe in His Son, but if we believe in the Son we will obey Him. **John 3:36** says, "*Those who believe in the Son will have eternal life, but those who do not obey the Son, the wrath of God remains on them.*" But we're supposed to walk in the good works that God prepared beforehand for us. How can we do good works if we're not obeying? Do you think He prepared us to obey Him?

Paul told people they were no longer under the Law. **So, we are going to be judged by the Law, through the Law. If we are by the Law, has the Law ended?** Also, he calls it the Law of liberty. Yeshua said, "*You will know the truth and the truth will set you free.*"

Belief and obedience is faith. The Hebrew word for "**faith**" is "*emunah*" and it means "**faithfulness.**" It means to "**believe and obey.**" We don't think of it this way, but that's what it means. So, faith means to believe AND obey. In Galatians 2, Paul was addressing ISRAEL, Jews who had come to faith in Messiah. Galatians 2: 15-21 says "*We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; yet we know that a person is not justified (made righteous) by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in*

Christ, we too were found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! For if I rebuild what I tore down, I prove myself to be a transgressor. For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith (belief AND obedience) in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose.” **He’s not saying it’s one or the other—the grace of God or the Law. However, this is what the church teaches—that it’s either the Law or grace. It can’t be both. But this is NOT a Hebraic mindset. These verses don’t say that God changed His Law or that we don’t have to keep it.**

This is from the website GotQuestions.org: “In these verses, Paul contrasts two laws: the law of the Spirit and the law of sin and death. The law of the Spirit is the gospel or good news of Jesus (this isn’t what the Bible says), the message of new life through faith in the resurrected Christ. **The law of sin and death is the Old Testament Law of God. (Wow! The writer is saying that God’s Law is the law of sin and death! This is the strategy of the enemy. He wants you to believe the Word of God contradicts itself and that the Law of God is the law of sin and death and at the same time is holy, just, and good, and life.)** The Law is holy, just, and good (Romans 7:12), but, because we cannot keep God’s Law on our own, the result is only sin and death for those under the Law.” **This theology isn’t Biblical theology because it says that the law of the Spirit is the gospel.** That is NOT stated ANYWHERE in scripture. They say that the law of sin and death is the OT Law of God. And then in the next sentence it says the Law is holy, just, and good. **How can that Law be the Law of sin of death?** They’re saying that scripture contradicts itself. **The Law of sin and death is this: there is sin if we disobey the Law, and sin results in death if we break the Law!** God says, “*the wages of sin is death.*” He doesn’t say “*My Law is death.*” This is Exactly what happened in the Garden of Eden! Satan said, “*you will not surely die.*”

The people who write for GotQuestions.org are saying that because we can’t keep God’s Law on our own, the result is sin and death for those who keep the Law. **This is contrary to what the Bible says! It’s not true! It’s a lie! And the enemy has deceived many people.** This comes from seminaries. This is what they teach and this is probably what your pastor has told you. **This is why we have to be so careful. We have to “study diligently to show ourselves approved that we will not be carried about by every wind of doctrine.”** We should go to the Word of God instead of the internet or a pastor to study what the Bible says.

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WE CAN’T LOOK TO MEN.
WE HAVE TO LOOK TO THE WORD OF GOD.

What does the Bible say?

- 1) **The Spirit brings life! 2 Corinthians 3:6. The Law is spiritual.** The New Covenant is that the Holy Spirit will write His Law on our minds and in our hearts and that God will put a new Spirit (the Holy Spirit) within us to CAUSE us to obey the statutes of God (Jeremiah 31:3-34 and Ezekiel 36:22-32).
- 2) **Those who keep the Law will be Saints and they will be in the Kingdom, according to Revelation 12:17 and 14:12!**
- 3) **“But be *doers of the word*, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. **But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.**” James 1:22-25. Are we supposed to act according to the commandments of God? YES!**

There are two parts to our covenant relationship with God:

(1) Justification—we are justified by grace through faith.

(2) Sanctification--the Holy Spirit write God’s Law on our minds and in our hearts. This is how we walk in holiness and righteousness. This happens by us surrendering our will to Him and allowing Him to teach us.

Yeshua’s redemptive work was to seal us in the New Covenant. We are justified by Yeshua (Jesus)’ (Yeshua’s) works of righteousness, but we still have to be sanctified—this comes from observe and doing God’s commandments (Word).

The fruit and evidence of faith and repentance is that we are observing and doing God’s commandments. James 2:18-26 says, “*But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder! Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that **faith apart from works is useless?** Was not Abraham our father **justified by works** when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar? You see that **faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works;** and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham **believed God**, and it was counted to him as righteousness”—and **he was called a friend of God.** You see that **a person is justified by works and not by faith***”

alone. And in the same way was not also Rahab the prostitute justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way? For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead."

So how are you demonstrating your faith? Do you believe God? That's different from believing IN God. If you believe God, then you believe His Word it true, and you will obey His Word. You will do works. People will see your fruit. Obedience is fruit!

**WE HAVE THE HOLY SPIRIT WHO CAN HELP US KEEP GOD'S LAWS.
IF GOD'S LAW IS PERFECT, WHY WOULD HE CHANGE IT?
IF IT IS THE LAW OF LIBERTY, WHY WOULD IT BE THE LAW OF SIN AND DEATH AND BONDAGE?
THE PURPOSE OF THE LAW IS TO SHOW US WHAT SIN IS (ROMANS 7:7, 1 JOHN 3:4)
AND TO POINT US CHRIST.**

LIE #8: ALL DAYS ARE ALIKE. WE CAN KEEP ANY DAY HOLY. This was written in the late first century in the Epistle of Barnabas (not the Barnabus who was a leader of the church in Antioch), which is a gnostic gospel. The place of origin of the Epistle of Barnabas is thought to be Alexandria. I discussed the schools of Antioch and Alexandria in Section 2.4. Barnabas 15:8 *"Finally He saith to them; Your new moons and your Sabbaths I cannot away with. Ye see what is His meaning ; it is not your present Sabbaths that are acceptable [unto Me], but the Sabbath which I have made, in the which, when I have set all things at rest, I will make the beginning of the eighth day which is the beginning of another world. Wherefore also we keep the eighth day for rejoicing, in the which also Jesus rose from the dead, and having been manifested ascended into the heavens."* **Barnabas taught that the Sabbath was to be kept on the 8th day. But there is no 8th day of the week!** He believed that you were to keep Sunday as the 8th day. But Sunday is the first day. How do you even compute this? **Do you see how confusing the enemy can make things? He wants people to believe there's an 8th day which is the 1st day.** Barnabas was in opposition toward God's (which he called Jewish) laws and transferred the Sabbath command into the future. He wrote that the Jewish sacrifices were abolished. He said that the fast of the Jews was not acceptable to God. He said that the Jews were of an antichrist spirit. **He said that Christians were heirs to the covenant, but not the Jews. This is completely opposite of what Scripture says.** He said that the new covenant *"tends to the Jews' destruction."* He's saying the purpose of the New Covenant is to prop up the Gentiles and destroy the Jews. But Scripture says the New Covenant wasn't given to the Gentiles. It was given to Israel.

The Word of God says the Sabbath command was given in Genesis, and we will keep the Sabbath eternally. The Bible says God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, not any other day (Genesis 2:3). There is NEVER a command in the Bible NOT to keep the Sabbath. Furthermore, there is no command to keep Sunday holy or any other day of the week.

PEOPLE HAVE KEPT THE SABBATH HOLY FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS, SO WHY CAN'T WE KEEP IT HOLY?

People say *"the purpose of the Sabbath"* is more important than the day. That's not what the Bible says. This is a deception. The enemy is very clever. They say we must consecrate a portion of our time and keep it free from the demands of work. **God said the Sabbath (one day), the seventh day is the day of rest.** The Sabbath was the concluding act of God's work in creation. It is part of creation. He created it for us! He set Israel and all those who worshipped God (non-Israelites) apart as His own (Exodus 31:12-17).

LIE #9: EARLY CHRISTIANS WEREN'T KEEPING THE SABBATH. *"For although almost all churches throughout the world celebrate the sacred mysteries [of the Lord's Supper] on the Sabbath of every week, yet the Christians of Alexandria and at Rome (I talked about the school of Alexandria in Section 2, 4), on account of some ancient tradition, have ceased to do this."* – Socrates Scholasticus, Ecclesiastical History, Book 5, ch. 22. **What ancient tradition were they observing? Sun worship.** It may have begun in Egypt with Ra, the sun god that was worshipped as the supreme deity. In Section 2, #7, I quoted people on the history of the Sabbath and that Christians were keeping it. There are Christians who have kept the Sabbath since Yeshua (Jesus)' (Yeshua's) resurrection.

LIE #10: THE WEEK STARTS ON MONDAY, SO SABBATH IS ON SUNDAY. The Sabbath IS the 7th day, and it's always been the 7th day since creation! The Sabbath is the only day that God named, Shabbat, the 7th day. **Seven is God's number for perfection/completion.** Let's just think about this from an intellectual point of view. **If God's number for perfection and completion is 7, wouldn't the Sabbath be on the 7th day?** Rest is perfection and completion, and in the Millennial Kingdom (the 7th millennium) , we will have rest, and there will be peace. In Genesis 2:3 **GOD rested from all of His work. His work was perfect/complete.**

LIE #11: WE'RE A NEW TESTAMENT/NEW COVENANT CHURCH. WE'RE NOT UNDER THE OLD COVENANT. THE 10 COMMANDMENTS ARE GONE WITH THE NEW COVENANT—THEY ARE OBSOLETE. THEY DON'T HAVE TO BE KEPT. What is the New Covenant? I've asked several Christians what the new covenant is. They didn't know. I think we should look at this. Some people think it's the New Testament. Some people think it's Yeshua. The New Covenant is: *"Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out*

of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke (**they broke the Sabbath and the commandments**), though I was their husband, declares the Lord. For **THIS is the covenant** that I will make with **the house of Israel** after those days, declares the Lord: **I will put My law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.** And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more" **Jeremiah 31:31-34.** **Hebrews 8:10-11** says it again. **2 Corinthians 3:3** says, "And you show that you are a letter from Christ delivered by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts." **Ezekiel 36:19-20** says, "And I will give them **one heart, and a new spirit I will put within them.** I will remove the heart of stone from their flesh and give them a heart of flesh, **that they may walk in my statutes and keep my rules and obey them. And they shall be my people, and I will be their God."**

Yeshua came to seal the new covenant in His blood that God would put HIS LAW IN US AND WRITE IT ON OUR HEARTS! He didn't come to abolish the law or change it! Israel was the covenant people to whom God revealed His Law on Mt. Sinai. We are God's covenant people because we are grafted into Israel.

This is a question I have for the church: Do you identify as an Israelite or a Gentile? Because we have a problem if we think we're Gentiles. Paul tells us that we are the commonwealth of Israel, the wild olive tree GRAFTED IN to the cultivated olive tree (cultivated in the Torah, God's ways), and we are heirs to the covenants and promises, going back to the Abrahamic covenant. We are the seed of Abraham if we're in Christ. And God gave His commandments to Israel, His set-apart, holy people. They were to be a priesthood, a light to the nations. Does not the New Testament tell us in **1 Peter 2:9** that as followers of Yeshua we are "*a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession?*" This is the definition of Israel! Didn't Yeshua tell us in Matthew 5:14 "*You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden?*" Do God's people keep His commandments, do His will? Yes! **We are no longer Gentiles because once we receive salvation, we become Israel. We are the nation of Israel. Our race is not dependent on our DNA, but our faith! We have been saved by the blood of Yeshua, and we are now heirs to the promises of the covenants God made to Israel. And if we're heirs, that means we have to live in covenant. This will completely change how we view God's Law if we can grasp this!**

GOD DOESN'T HAVE A DUAL CITIZENSHIP WHERE ONE HAS TO DO A SPECIFIC THING AND ANOTHER GETS TO DO A DIFFERENT THING. THERE AREN'T TWO STANDARDS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS. THERE'S ONE-YESHUA. THERE'S ONE DEFINITION OF SIN FOR EVERYONE. THE DEFINITION IS THE TORAH.

Numbers 2:5-16 says "*For the assembly, there shall be one statute for you and for the stranger who sojourns with you, a statute forever throughout your Generations. You and the sojourner shall be alike before the Lord. One law and one rule shall be for you and for the stranger who sojourns with you.*" These verses tell us that God had one law for the stranger (Gentile) and Israel. There is one Torah for all people, whether you are a native or non-native. Covenants come with curses to those who break them. If a church is worshipping on the day of the sun, they aren't worshipping according to God's Laws. (In Numbers we see that God always gave salvation to Gentiles and Israel and they were always invited to be part of His Kingdom.)

We have received His Spirit. Yeshua promised to build the body/church. The church was originally called "*the Way.*" The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch. The body/church is Abraham's *spiritual descendants* (spiritual Israel), being united in one body with the promised singular seed, Yeshua. They are the heirs of the eternal inheritance promised to Abraham. If we're heirs to the eternal inheritance, then we have a responsibility to obey His commandments, to be doers of the word, to enjoy the covenant blessings. **The New Covenant is that God will write His Law on our minds and in our hearts and put the Holy Spirit in us to cause us to obey God's statutes (Torah).**

THERE IS NO NEW COVENANT THAT TAKES ME BACK TO BEING A PAGAN GENTILE (OBSERVING THEIR LAWS, DAYS, ETC). THE NEW COVENANT GRAFTS US IN TO BECOME ISRAEL, TO HAVE THE ETERNAL INHERITANCE (PART OF MY INHERITANCE IS GOD'S LAW!) AND TO ENJOY THE COVENANT BLESSINGS.

Hebrews was written to 1st century Messianic Jews. **Hebrews 2:1-3** says "*Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable, and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation?*" If we don't keep the commandments of God, we neglect our salvation and the Word of God says, "*how shall we escape?*" **Hebrews 4** says, "*There is still a Sabbath rest for the people of God.*" **We don't define rest or the Sabbath based on our own interpretation. We define it based on what God says.** The context of Hebrews 4 is in verse 4: "*For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: "And God rested on the seventh day from all his works."*

At the time of creation rest was on the 7th day and in the kingdom of god it will be on the 7th day, so why don't we keep it on the seventh day now? Because the enemy has deceived people. The seventh day is still the sabbath.

Hebrews 4:1-9 says, "Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it. For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said, 'As I swore in my wrath, "They shall not enter my rest," 'although his works were finished from the foundation of the world. For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: "And **God rested on the seventh day from all his works.**" And again in this passage he said, "They shall not enter my rest." Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and **those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience**, again he appoints a certain day, "Today," saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted, "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts." For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. So then, **there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God**, for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from His." So, what does this mean? **Whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from His? Does this mean resting on any day? No. It means resting on the Sabbath day. If we rest AS God did. God rested on THE Sabbath.** On the Sabbath, we're resting from our works. This is why we aren't supposed to work on the Sabbath. Because as God did, we're supposed to produce and Generate work 6 days, but we're supposed to rest on the Sabbath. Psalm 95 says Israel went astray in their hearts and they didn't know God's ways. He delivered them from Egypt and He gave them His instructions, and they didn't keep them. **They didn't keep His Sabbaths, His commandments, and His Feasts, and they didn't get to enter the promised land. If we don't obey God's instructions, we won't be in the Kingdom. Hebrews says we will not enter His rest if we disobey!** This isn't my opinion. **This is God's Word.** It also says that we must keep the commandments of God to be "the people of God" (NIV) or "the saints," (KJV) or "God's holy people" (NLT) in Revelation 14:12. Chapter 12:17 says, "who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus." This refers to the woman, Israel. **We can't be holy if we defile the Sabbath.**

Vs 11 -13: "Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and Exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account." The enemy doesn't want you to think the word of God is living, he wants you to think it's done away with, dead, abolished, it's not for you. He doesn't want you to think you have to give account. But the Bible says that we do. We will be judged by our works. The wages of sin is death. We compartmentalize law and scripture. Scripture is valid, relevant, it's for us now. Is it the law (Torah)? Yes, we've already established that. Did Christ do away with it? Did He do away with scripture? He WAS the Word of God made flesh! **The Law, the Prophets, and the Psalms were the Scripture to the early believers. This is all they had. IT was the Word of God. ALL of it was about Yeshua.**

In **Luke 24:45** it says, "and He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures." Yeshua calls the Old Testament "Scripture." The Torah, the Psalms, and the Prophets. In **1 Corinthians 9:9**, Paul says that "the law of Moses says, 'you shall not muzzle and ox'". In **1 Timothy 5:18**, Paul says "for the Scripture says, 'you shall not muzzle an ox.'" **As a first-century believer, Paul is calling the law of Moses Scripture! He makes the law synonymous with scripture.** In James 2:8, James said "If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, 'you shall love your neighbor as yourself,' (the commandment God gave in the OT) you do well." **Here's a good Example of fulfill: When we keep the law, we fulfill it. This is what Yeshua did. He considered/kept the Law and scripture.** In 2 Timothy 3:14, Paul writes to Timothy "But as for you, **continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it. From childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.**" He doesn't say "you learned and believed one thing, but Yeshua came and taught you something else." Timothy had a Jewish mother and a Greek father. He learned the scriptures from the OT. Then he met Yeshua and he learned how to walk his faith out. Paul said the Scriptures are salvation with faith in Yeshua.

IF PAUL AND THE WRITERS OF THE NEW TESTAMENT AGREED WITH THE OLD TESTAMENT, THE SCRIPTURES, AND THE LAW, WHY DON'T WE?

He didn't separate the Scriptures (the Law) and faith in Yeshua. But the church has done this. They will say the Law has nothing to do with the Christian life or salvation, that the Law is opposite of grace. **Salvation comes from the grace of God through faith which He gives me by His grace, and His grace is what helps us to obey His commandments. God is not a God of one or the other. He is "echad," one. Our theology should be based on ALL SCRIPTURE, according to 2 Timothy 3:16.** We receive conviction from the Law (the Torah, instructions) about sin. That is the purpose! Breaking the Law of God separates us from God. 2 Corinthians 7:10 says "godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation." **How could we have godly sorrow if we didn't have the Law telling us what sin was?**

Isaiah 56 is a chapter about the salvation of foreigners. It says "Thus says the Lord: "Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon my salvation will come, and my righteousness be revealed. Blessed is the man who does this, and the son of man who holds it fast, **who keeps the Sabbath, not profaning it, and keeps his hand from doing any evil.**" Let not the foreigner who has joined himself to the Lord say, "The Lord will surely separate me from his people;" and let not the eunuch say, "Behold, I am a dry tree." For thus says the Lord: "To the eunuchs **who keep my Sabbaths, who choose the things that please me and hold fast my covenant, I will give in my house and within my walls a monument and a name better than**

sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name that shall not be cut off. "And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, **everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and holds fast my covenant**—these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples." The Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, "I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered." God is saying that the foreigners who join themselves to Him will keep His Sabbath commandment. God says "**Do not defile My Sabbath**" twice. Once in verse 2 and again in verse 6. He says those "**who do not defile**" His Sabbath are the ones that will be blessed. They will be His servants. In vs. 6-7, He says, "**everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it and holds fast my covenant—these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.**" So God says those who keep His Sabbath are in His covenant and they have joined themselves to Israel. If we're keeping the Sabbath, we're holding fast to His covenant. God makes an amazing promise to Gentiles who keep the Sabbath and hold to His covenant. He says His house will be called a house of prayer for all peoples—Israel and Gentiles! In the days of Israel, God invited foreigners to join themselves to Israel, to His name. God is announcing this to the nations. He's saying He will accept them if they honor Him and keep His covenant.

God told us to "*keep judgment (the righteousness of the Law) and do justice because our salvation is near to come and our righteousness is soon to be revealed*" (Isaiah 56:1). I believe that my righteousness is Yeshua, but Paul said, "*imitate me as I imitate Christ,*" so I want to imitate Yeshua. **We aren't imitating Yeshua or Paul if we're not keeping the Sabbath. If God determines what's just, how are we going to be saved if we're not doing that? We are profaning the Sabbath and the name of God.**

LIE #12: THE SABBATH IS PART OF THE CEREMONIAL LAWS. The Sabbath is the 4th commandment. The Sabbath is one of the 10 commandments. The ceremonial laws had to do with Tabernacle worship. 1 Corinthians 10:1-12, Paul says "*For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness. Now these things took place as Examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not be idolaters as some of them were: as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play." We must not indulge in sExual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. Now these things happened to them as an Example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall.*" Paul mentions idolatry, sExual immorality, and putting Christ to the test. Interesting that He says Christ. And I'm going to say that worshipping on Sunday is idolatry and putting Christ to the test. I believe you will see that in this study. **These things were written so we won't do the same things they did, we won't repeat their mistakes. One of their mistakes was not keeping the Sabbath, and they were Exiled several times for not keeping the Sabbath.**

**GOD DOESN'T DISTINGUISH THE LAW INTO CEREMONIAL AND MORAL LAWS.
THIS WAS DONE BY MAN.**

We have duties to perform to God if we're in covenant with Him. The reason that God gave us the new covenant is because Israel broke the covenant. This is a reason we have the OT, so we can learn from what the children of Israel did and not make the same mistakes. We aren't supposed to have anything to do with sin, and sin is transgression of the Law. Matthew 3:2 says "*Repent. For the Kingdom of heaven is at hand.*" **The nearer the time of the end approaches, the more faithful and Exact we should be. We should walk in His ways of holy obedience, and care about how we keep the Sabbath.** We are a kingdom of priests. God gave the priests laws for how they performed the services for the tabernacle. If they would've disobeyed Him, they would've corrupted or polluted their service and wouldn't have been worshipping Him. **He's given us laws about how to perform the services for the Kingdom. We are disrespecting God if we don't serve Him the way He tells us to. We are worshipping Him in a corrupt, polluted way. We aren't obedient.**

**GOD IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE WAY THINGS ARE DONE.
WHY AREN'T WE WALKING IN HIS WAYS?**

This may divide your soul and spirit, your joints and marrow. The biggest argument I hear Christians make for not keeping the Sabbath is "*God knows your heart.*" But His word says, "*The heart is deceitful above ALL things.*" Jer 17:9. I want this to divide your soul and spirit. I want you to seek God and His word and find out what He wants you to do, what His instructions are. **I want you to be saved. I want you to rest and find joy in keeping the Sabbath and Feasts of the Lord. I want you to receive the blessings of the Lord.**

SINCE MOST CHURCHES DON'T KEEP THE 10 COMMANDMENTS, THEY HAVE TO SAY THAT THEY'RE NOT UNDER THE OLD COVENANT. THIS IS AN EXCUSE. AN EXCUSE IS A WELL-PLANNED LIE OF SATAN. They have gone to a seminary and learned what they've been taught. But they're supposed to be able to rebuke someone who's teaching something false. Agreeing with false doctrine is agreeing with the enemy. We're not supposed to believe them when they teach lies. It's so sad that so many pastors have allowed the enemy into their church by teaching the doctrine that Sunday worship is worship that God accepts. And we haven't been watchmen on the wall.

THE OLD COVENANT DID NOT MAKE ISRAEL GENTILES. DOES THE NEW COVENANT MAKE US GENTILES?

NO! IT GRAFTS INTO ISRAEL.

WHY DO WE THINK THE COVENANT TAKES US BACK TO GENTILE/PAGAN WAYS?

IT DOESN'T.

THERE IS NO "OTHER" COVENANT FOR GENTILES.

IT TAKES US INTO GOD'S WAYS- HIS LAWS, HIS PRECEPTS, HIS STATUTES, HIS SABBATH.

IT MAKES US HOLY IF WE OBEY.

Hebrews 12:1-2 says *"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely (the Complete Jewish Bible says "the sin which easily hampers our forward movement"), and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God."*

The 10 commandments are still relevant to the church today, the Sabbath is still relevant to us today because it's the 4th commandment, the longest commandment and the commandment that begins with "Remember." And its relevant because according to Paul, we are Israel. **God already knew the enemy would try to eliminate the 4th commandment. He's **You can't take out one commandment and say you keep the commandments.** Most Christian churches throughout the world don't keep the 10 commandments. Yeshua said, *"Whoever therefore breaks **one of the least of these commandments**, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the Kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven."* Matthew 5:19. Yeshua came to seal the New Covenant with His blood. As Passover approached, Yeshua sat down to partake of the Passover meal with the disciples and to celebrate the Mosaic covenant. *"This cup that is poured out for you is the **new covenant** in my blood"* Luke 22:19-20. *"I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father Except through me"* John 14:6. **Who did God make the covenant with? The house of Israel.** Psalm 14:7 says, *"Oh that the salvation of Israel would come out of Zion."* Yeshua said in John. 4:22 *"Salvation is from the Jews."* Luke 1:33 says *"He will reign over the house of Jacob (Israel) forever, and His kingdom will have no end."* Acts 5:31 says *"He is the one whom God Exalted to His right hand as a Prince and a Savior, to grant repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins."* *We are spiritual Israel.***

YESHUA (JESUS) SHED HIS BLOOD SO THAT WE WOULD KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS OF GOD.

HE WILL WRITE THEM ON OUR HEARTS, BUT WE MUST SUBMIT TO HIM.

IF GOD'S COMMANDMENTS ARE PERFECT, WHY WOULD YESHUA COME TO CHANGE THEM?

Romans 2:13 says *"For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified."* Isaiah 40:8 says, *"The Word of God endures forever."* Forever doesn't mean Yeshua would change it. **Psalm 19:9-11** says *"the rules of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb. Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward."* **Satan will use Yeshua and the cross to deceive us into thinking that the new covenant puts an end to the Mosaic covenant.** I believe God wants us to learn about His covenants—there isn't one old covenant, there are multiple old covenants. **I would encourage you to study the covenants of God.**

LIE #13: WE CAN WORSHIP GOD EVERY DAY OR ON ANY DAY. WE CAN WORSHIP GOD EVERY DAY. We absolutely should worship every day, **BUT God set apart one day every week for us to assemble together as a congregation and worship Him, to rest and not work.** We have to work. This is something God knew at creation. He worked creating the earth for 6 days. He knew we would sin and have to toil for our food and our necessities. He rested from His creative work and commanded us to rest from our work and labor.

If we rest, do no work, and have a holy convocation any day we want to, we are basically saying *"God, you are commanding us to worship on a specific day? It doesn't matter what day, God. We worship you every day! We will justify breaking Your commandments because we want to do it our way!"* **We are saying we can keep the commandment the way we want to keep it, but we are breaking it. We are rebelling.** Most people don't rest or cease from work on their "day of rest." They go to the stores, the movies, watch TV and do things they do every other day. It's just another common day. So they're not even replacing Sabbath by assembling together on Sunday. They're just assembling together, not resting. **This is being rebellious and disobedient. Does God mean what He says or not?** It is not possible to keep **the Sabbath** every day, because **God specifically defined the Sabbath** and He commanded us to keep **the**

Sabbath on the 7th day. We can't define what the Sabbath is, and we can't make a day holy. We are breaking His law if we keep holy another day—we are trying to define something as “holy,” yet it is defiled. Only God can make something holy. **God clearly states the 7th day is our Sabbath. He didn't tell us we could keep any day as long as we keep a Sabbath, because there's only ONE SABBATH. We don't get to pick any day we want and make it a Sabbath. Doing this is being just like Saul. He kept part of the commandment, but not all. The Sabbath was already made, and it's the 7th day! ONLY IF you keep all 10 commandments, are you a commandment keeper.**

The enemy has convinced people that they can take “A SABBATH” whenever they want, but not THE Sabbath! Isn't this the same thing he did with the fruit in the garden? God told Adam and Eve they could eat of all trees in the garden EXCEPT the tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. **But the enemy told Eve the opposite, and she believed the enemy.** Why would anyone want to believe the enemy over God? **If God tells us the 7th day Sabbath is His Sabbath and He made it for us, why wouldn't we want to obey Him?**

THIS IS HOW THE ENEMY DECEIVES PEOPLE. HE SUPPRESSES AND TWISTS THE TRUTH.

In **Mark 7:8-13**, when the Pharisees and scribes asked Yeshua why His disciples didn't walk according to the tradition of the elders, Yeshua said *“Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written: ‘This people honors Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me. And in vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’ For laying aside the commandment of God, you hold the tradition of men.”* Yeshua said they made void the Word of God by their traditions they handed down. . In Matthew 23:33, Yeshua called the Pharisees *“hypocrites and a brood of vipers”*. **This is so sad because this is exactly where we are today. We are being hypocrites. We are laying aside the SABBATH COMMANDMENT of God and holding to the traditions of men.**

LIE #14: WE (NO ONE) CAN'T KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS. Let's test this to see if it's true. In **Deuteronomy 30**, God gave the people the Torah all of the instructions for Israel) again before they went into the promised land. He gave them the choice between life and death. He told them that keeping His Law was life and disobeying it was death. Doesn't this sound like the Garden of Eden?. **Verses 11-14** say, *“For this commandment that I command you today is not too hard for you, neither is it far off. It is not in heaven, that you should say, ‘Who will ascend to heaven for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?’ Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, ‘Who will go over the sea for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?’ But the word is very near you. It is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it.”* **So God Himself said we could keep His commandments. Who are you going to believe—God or Satan? God or men?**

Exodus 34:6 says, *“The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin.”* **God gave His grace to the Israelites repeatedly. He offered them the opportunity to repent and turn to Him.** That is grace. That rather than death as penalty for our sins, He offers us life **IF** we return to Him through His Son. But **1 John 3:5-8** tells us that Yeshua *“appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous. Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning.”* What is the definition of sin? It's in verse 4: *“Sin is the transgression of the law”* **The Bible defines sin. We don't. The definition doesn't change.** God's Law is righteous and we are supposed to live righteous lives. We live that way by keeping God's laws. We are taught that way through Yeshua.

My question is: Have you been deceived? Yeshua came to take away, to destroy, sins and the works of the devil. If you're listening to the devil tell you that God's commandments have been abolished and you don't have to keep them, you are transgressing the Law. You are sinning. However, if you are still transgressing the Law, the wrath of God remains on you. **God has mercy and grace for you to get you out of this deception. You must study, because if you don't and you just listen to pastors, you are receiving deceptive words. And John told us not to let ANYONE deceive us. In their days, there were already false teachers and false gospels, and that's why John issues this warning! The works of the devil are all throughout the church.** However, we don't have to believe Him. If we are spending time in the Word of God, the Holy Spirit will reveal all truth and what Yeshua commanded us to do. But if you're not, you will be deceived by a false spirit, a spirit that tells you that God's Law has been done away with and that you don't have to keep it and God will still bring you into His Kingdom! This is TOTALLY contradictory to Scripture.

God wouldn't give us commandments that we couldn't keep. We have distorted Him, His character, His Laws, and our worship of Him. This is a lie that comes from the enemy. Can we honor our father and mother? Can we refrain from taking the Lord's name in vain? From stealing? From killing? From committing adultery? We all know the answer. You have to apply the same logic to the Sabbath. **So, can we keep the Sabbath? YES! Why don't most Christians? This is something we really must ask ourselves. We see them as negative. We see them as restraining, slavery. This is exactly the lie that the enemy convinced God of: “God won't allow you to eat of the tree because He's trying to keep special knowledge from you. His laws are oppressive. He's taken that tree away from you.”** But God's Law is *“Kadosh.”* This is the Hebrew word that means *“holy, set apart.”* The Sabbath is entirely set apart from the common, habitual days of the week. And because God is holy, truth, and set apart, we shouldn't reject His commandment. God told Israel they

were His holy, set apart people. **So why aren't we living, holy, set apart?** We are supposed to be peculiar. How can you be peculiar worshipping on a pagan day? **Keeping Sabbath is uncommon, but God commanded it and we should do it. The Sabbath is worthy of being set-apart, respect, devotion, and holiness.** "Holiness" means "to make special, to separate from." **The Sabbath is for God's special, set-apart people, and it separates us from the world.** I used to sing a song when I was a little girl. The words are "God said it and I believe it, and that settles it for me." This is how we should look at God's Law. **God set apart a day to HIM meet HIM on HIS special day to agree with Him, to rest from our work and to worship Him: THE 7th DAY SABBATH. It's all about HIM, and we have made it about us.**

SUNDAY WORSHIP IS COMMON, BUT IT DOESN'T MEAN IT'S TRUTH.

THE DAY IS NOT AN OPTION.

GOD'S COMMANDMENTS AREN'T A CAFETERIA PLAN.

YOU DON'T GET TO PICK AND CHOOSE WHICH COMMANDMENTS YOU KEEP, OR HOW YOU KEEP THEM.

The church today is walking according to the traditions of men, worshipping God in vain b/c they are "teaching as DOCTRINES the commandments of men, LAYING ASIDE THE COMMANDMENT OF GOD" Matthew 15:8-9. If they are teaching the traditions of men (handed down), the Sabbath being Sunday, they are making the word of God void. Pastors and believers may not be doing evil on purpose, but selfishly telling God you're going to do things your own way is evil. God expects us to seek Him with everything we have and to seek and obey His word, to do HIS will. We are called to turn from sin (evil) and turn back to God and His ways! **Doing your own thing is evil! Matthew 6:33 says "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS, and all these things will be added unto you." If we seek God's righteousness, we are seeking His Word to know and keep His Laws.** The Hebrew word for "righteous" is "tsedeq." It means "accurate, fairly, what is right, just." **Wow!!!**

Sin is the transgression of the law (1 John 3:4). So if not keeping the Sabbath is a sin, **this is one of the major sins that is clinging so closely to the church. It is hampering the church.** I'll tell you why. **Read Acts 3, 5, 8-10, 14, 16, 19-20, and 28.** Today's church isn't walking in the power of the Holy Spirit like the disciples and Paul were, **because the church isn't keeping God's commandments! We're not worshipping Him in spirit and truth as the disciples were.** Handkerchiefs and aprons that touched Paul's skin were carried to the sick and they were healed and delivered. Paul raised Eutychus from the dead. Peter raised Tabitha from the dead. The shadow of Peter healed people. Paul got bitten by a viper and didn't die, just like it says in Mark 16. Philip did miracles. He delivered people that were possessed. The disciples commanded spirits to come out of people. The Lord granted signs and wonders to be done by their hands. **I believe the reason signs and wonders aren't being granted to us is because we are disobeying God. The disciples and Paul kept the Sabbath and the commandments of God, and God gave them the ability to do miracles.**

In **Deuteronomy 11:26**, Moses said to the children of Israel, "See, I am setting before you today a blessing and a curse—the blessing, if you listen to the mitzvot (commandments) of Adonai your God that I am giving you today; and the curse, if you don't listen to the mitzvot (commandments) of Adonai your God, but turn aside from the way I am ordering you today and follow other gods that you have not known." Right now, we're under a curse because we haven't listened to the commandments of God. We've turned away. Sunday worship is following sun gods. We claim to worship God, but we're worshipping in a pagan way. **God hates syncretism. God wants to worship Him His way, and He makes it very clear how we are to do that. We learn this if we study the Word.**

ALL NATIONS HAVE BEEN AFFLICTED BY DISEASES (COVID, ETC)

BECAUSE THERE ISN'T ONE NATION THAT IS KEEPING ALL GOD'S COMMANDMENTS AND STATUTES.

WE NEED TO REPENT AND RETURN TO HIS COMMANDMENTS, TO HIS STATUES!

You may not have known about the Sabbath, but you now know about the Sabbath and the Bible says if we love God, we keep His commandments. Israel was in bondage because they sinned against God, but they denied they were in in, in bondage. The Pharisees told Yeshua they had never been in bondage. **And many Christians are in bondage, but are denying it just like Israel did.** Have we forgotten all the deliverance God has done for us and what Yeshua did for us? Israel forgot it. They didn't believe they had to keep the commandments of God.

**THE CHURCH WILL BE FREE AND WALKING FULLY
IN THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT WHEN IT BEGINS
TO KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS OF GOD.**

In **Judges 10:6-16**, the children of Israel had forsaken the commandments of God and served other gods. They were overrun by the spirit of antichrist. They took on doctrines and ideologies of the pagan nations. Then, they put away the foreign gods from among them and served the Lord. They walked in righteousness. **Verse 16: "His soul could no longer endure the misery of Israel and He became impatient over the misery of Israel."** We've taken on the doctrines and ideologies of the pagans through the Catholic church. I do believe we're making God miserable—worshipping Him in a way He doesn't accept. I like the NLT of **Galatians 5:9** "This false teaching is like a little yeast that spreads through the whole batch of dough!" We see the teaching of Sunday as a replacement for the Sabbath is yeast that has spread through almost all of Christianity. **Do you see how one false teaching leads to more false teaching? Do you see the**

danger of letting people tell us what the Word of God says instead of studying His Word diligently and letting the Holy Spirit teach us?

Proverbs 8:17 says *"I love those who love me, and those who seek me DILIGENTLY find me."* I believe we need to seek God DILIGENTLY in His word. **Jeremiah 29:13** says, *"You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."* I believe that if we seek God's with all our hearts, we will find Him and learn His ways. God's Laws were given because He loves us and they're meant to help us be righteous and holy. **Deuteronomy 4:29** says *"But from there you will seek the Lord your God and you will find Him, if you search after Him with all your heart and with all your soul."* **Matthew 7:7-8** says *"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened."* I believe we need to admit that we haven't been seeking diligently in His word. We haven't found the truth because we haven't been seeking God with all of our hearts. We need to ask God to teach us His laws, seek Him, and search Him with all of our hearts. He promised us that we ask, we receive.

Christ followers can't be against the Law because we're commanded to keep it. Christians have been under pressure to keep Sunday because all the other churches are doing it. I was taught as a teenager that I shouldn't do something just because everyone else is doing it. **I don't know why the church doesn't see this. They've compromised under pressure. We must reject the lie of Sunday worship as a day God wanted us to keep holy. If we're concerned about the salvation of souls, we won't compromise, no matter how much people hate us.** It might look good (Eve with the tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil) and it may feel good to you, but I'm calling you to come away from it. **I want to be like Paul who said that we don't make void the Law of God, and that the Law of God was in his mind.**

1 Corinthians 2:5-8 says *"so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God. Wisdom from the Spirit. Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory."* **The wisdom of the Spirit is not Sunday. If we believe in Sunday, we're believing the devil's lies. Many people's faith is in the wisdom of men. They have built their houses on sand, and Yeshua taught us that if we do this, the house will be destroyed. I believe this is why we see many churches and leaders falling.**

Deuteronomy 13 gives us a test of a true prophet: **A true prophet practices and teaches God's Law. Paul was a true prophet. The disciples were true prophets. The people in the Old Testament were prophets.**

Romans 1:18 says *"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth."* **If people suppress the truth, they are deserving of God's wrath. 2 Corinthians 11:12-15** says *"And what I am doing I will continue to do, in order to undermine the claim of those who would like to claim that in their boasted mission they work on the same terms as we do. For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. So it is no surprise if his servants, also, disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. Their end will correspond to their deeds."* **The Catholic church has suppressed the truth. This study, I hope, has shown, that the Catholic church is a pagan church disguised as the church of Jesus Christ. Paul said that men who preached a false gospel were false apostles and deceitful. He said they were servants of Satan. We need to stop listening to people who are suppressing the truth. If we know the truth, we need to teach them, because we are called to be disciples-to GO and TEACH ALL NATIONS! This includes the church.**

If we find the truth, we're supposed to share it with others. I believe if we worship God in Spirit and in truth, we will obey His Laws, commandments, statutes, and precepts. We will return to covenant and follow His commands. We won't go the way of nations and men. We need to repent and declare our wrongdoing and return to God and His ways. We need to stop sitting in the seats of our churches, in the pews, and get into the Word of God and go out into the world to share it!

**SO, WILL GOD'S PEOPLE CHOOSE TO FOLLOW FALSE APOSTLES OR GOD?
WILL WE CHOOSE TO TEACH THE TRUTH?**

**THE INSTRUCTION OF GOD'S STATUTES IS SPIRIT-LED. PAUL SAID THE LAW IS SPIRITUAL.
JUST BECAUSE A CHURCH LOOKS LIKE A CHURCH DOESN'T MEAN IT'S THE CHURCH OF YESHUA.**

Most of the church is doing the same thing today that Israel did for thousands of years. Israel said they were the people of God and they were disobeying him. God was leading them, but they weren't following Him. 1 Corinthians 10:5 says *"God was not pleased with most of them. Their bodies were scattered in the wilderness."* **The church today says they are "spirit-led" but they aren't following God. If we are Spirit led, we will obey the commandments of God. Do you think God is pleased with people rebelling and disobeying Him? We are given Scripture for instruction and an example. Are we following the Holy Spirit, the One who wrote the Word of God? Because if we're not, we will face the same judgment.**

I talk to a lot of people that tell me they're following the Holy Spirit, but they're not following God's Word, His commandments, or His ways. They say they're hearing the voice of God/the Holy Spirit, but **we test the spirits with truth, the Word of God. We don't test them with our feelings.** If we rely on our feelings, they will deceive us. I spent 29 years in homosexuality because I felt like I was attracted to women, and when I was around an attractive woman, I started having "feelings". **The enemy uses our feelings to deceive us. He tries to deceive our minds.** This is why we have to study the Word, because the Yeshua told us that "false Christs would arise, and will show great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect." There's only one way for us to test something, and that's with the Word of God. Many people are testing based on "experience", but we have test with the Word of God.

The New Testament tells us about false teaching, false teachers, and the errors in doctrine. Paul rebuked those who perverted the way of truth. He handed a few men over to Satan. "This charge I entrust to you, Timothy, my child, in accordance with the prophecies previously made about you, that by them you may wage the good warfare, **holding faith and a good conscience. By rejecting this, some have made shipwreck of their faith, among whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have handed over to Satan that they may learn not to blaspheme.**" Paul writes to Timothy and tells him to hold the faith and a good conscience. He said some had destroyed their faith because they had blasphemed God and His gospel. **Paul handed them over to Satan. He threw them out of the church. This needs to happen today. Pastors need to be held accountable for what they're teaching. We need watchman to hold them accountable!** Paul also told Timothy "Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons, through the insincerity of liars whose consciences are seared." Let me ask you a question: is the doctrine of Sunday a doctrine of God or a doctrine of demons? Is the doctrine that God replace the day He sanctified and made holy of Him or the enemy? Is the Catholic church the church of God or demons? I pray by now you know the answer. Are you going to believe a liar or are you going to believe God?

Psalm 119 is the longest Psalm and chapter in the Bible and it's about the Law (Torah) and the instructions of God. I don't think that's by accident. Why is Psalm 119 the longest chapter in the Bible? God wants us to know how important His Laws are! It is almost in the center of the Bible. It is David's Psalm about the priority of the Torah, God's precepts, His ways, His laws, His rulings, His instructions, His statutes, and wonders. Here are some verses from the Complete Jewish Bible which has some Hebrew words to help you understand the meaning of these verses better: In **verse 32**, David says, "I will run the way of your Mizvot (the Hebrew word Mizvot means "a commandment commanded by God to be PERFORMED"), for You have **broadened my understanding**" (CJB). **If we keep God's commandments, He broadens our understanding!** Psalm 119:33-36 says "Teach me, Adonai, the way of your laws; **keeping them will be its own reward for me. Give me understanding; then I will keep your Torah (Law); I will observe it with all my heart. Guide me on the path of your mitzvot, for I take pleasure in it. Bend my heart toward your instructions and not toward selfish gain.**" Keeping God's commandments brings reward, pleasure, and humility. In **verses 47-48** he says "I will **delight myself in your mitzvot, which I have loved. I will lift my hands to your mitzvot, which I love; and I will meditate on your laws.**" CJB. David loved God, and he was man after God's own heart. He delighted himself in the commandments of God, he loved them, he lifted his hands to them, and he meditated on them. **Psalm 119 shows us that God's Torah, His Laws, and instructions, should have top priority in our lives.** We are supposed to DELIGHT in the Law of the Lord!

**PSALM 119 TEACHES US THAT GOD'S LAWS ARE THE BLUEPRINT FOR OUR LIVES.
WHY HAVE WE LEFT THE BLUEPRINT OF THE SABBATH AND THE FEASTS?**

I want to tell you what the meaning of the Torah (Genesis through Deuteronomy) is. The two pieces of wood are called "the tree." The scroll was originally written on kosher (as perfect as possible) lamb skins. The lamb skins were pierced to the tree. So the meaning of the Torah is "the perfect Lamb pierced on the tree." This is amazing!



SECTION 10: BIBLE VERSES USED TO SUPPORT MEETING ON SUNDAY:

The enemy twists God's Word. He has been reviewing it for almost 6,000 years. He is trying to set his throne up in people's hearts. He develops theologies and doctrines because he is a theologian and he knows what the Bible says. **He perverts truth by taking truth and mixing it with error.** He will use Scripture to deceive people that his theologies and doctrines are correct, and this is why we have to study to show ourselves approved. We don't want to be carried about by every wind of doctrine. **He can deceive people into thinking scriptures are irrelevant, and he can convince people that theologies, doctrines, verse and commandments are irrelevant.** However, we have to read the scriptures in context. He has convinced much of the church that:

- 1) The OT doesn't agree with the NT
- 2) The NT God isn't the same God of the OT
- 3) The OT has been destroyed by Yeshua, who is God!

He's divided the church, and has gotten the church to concentrate on things other than God's laws. This is why most churches aren't walking in holiness today and why most churches look more like the world than the Kingdom. The church has compromised and settled for the common instead of desiring the holy. How do we know what holy is if we get to decide what it is? God alone is holy and only He can determine what holy is. I have to walk in His ways. *"There is a way that seems right to a man, but the end thereof is the way of death"* Proverbs 14:12. My way may seem right, but it's not right. Only God's way is right. The enemy uses verse out of context so the meaning of the verse is changed or is misleading. We have to **examine** the scriptures.

Let's look at the verses he uses most often to convince people the Sabbath was replaced by Sunday:

1. **Acts 20:6-7** Christians use this verse to support that the church was meeting/fellowshipping on Sunday: *"Now on the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul, ready to depart the next day, spoke to them and continued his message until midnight."* The Greek phrase for "on the first day of the week" is **"en ho heis ho Sabbaton."** **Let's look at each word individually:**
 - a. **En** is a Greek preposition that usually means "in, by, with." It can also mean "at, upon" and other words in a fixed position of place, time or state.
 - b. **Ho** is a Greek word that means "the, this, that, these, which, which, who" and it has other meanings also.
 - c. **Heis** is a Greek word that means "one, a, only, other, some" and also has miscellaneous meanings.
 - d. **Ho we defined above in b.**
 - e. **Sabbaton** is the Greek word for *Sabbath day, Sabbath or seven days, a week.* 59 times in the Bible it is used as Sabbath, and only 9 times including this verse is it translated to mean week.

We learn something from this verse. If we go back to Genesis, we learn when a day begins. It begins at sundown. So, it had to be on Saturday evening, because this is when the first day of the week begins. This is why it says Sabbaton, because the week is defined as being from the first day to the 7th day. The day begins at sundown, the day before. **If it would've been Sunday night, Acts 20 would say the 2nd day of the week.** Cooking wasn't done on the Sabbath, so they would have cooked and broken bread on Saturday evening after sundown. The purpose of their meeting was to have a meal together, not communion, and for Paul to teach them. Paul spoke to them until midnight Saturday night. It's possible that Paul continued to teach until midnight b/c he wanted to get as much teaching in as possible before he departed the next morning. **He would've traveled on Sunday, because He wouldn't have traveled on Sabbath by ship since He would have had to pay for it, and that would've broken the commandment to keep the Sabbath holy (you can learn more about this in Nehemiah 13).** To say that they were having communion is adding to Scripture. **They did not partake in communion (this sacrament was invented by the Catholic church that did not want to celebrate Passover). They partook in the Passover. And other scriptures do not confirm that, they were having communion.** Acts 2:46, which has the same phrase for "breaking bread" says, *"So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart."* This was just having a meal together and fellowshiping. Yeshua's followers would have wanted to have a meal with Paul and the disciples Sabbath evening before they left Sunday.

2. **1 Corinthians 16:2** This is the only reference to the first day of the week in all of Paul's letters. *"On the first day of the week let each one of you lay something aside, storing up as he may prosper, that there be no collections when I come."* The phrase in Greek is different here. It is **"kata heis Sabbaton."** In most verses of the New Testament, it has been translated "in" or "according to", but in this verse it was translated "on". All mean primarily the same thing. This was not a collection plate being passed around at the synagogue on Sundays. Synagogues weren't open on Sundays for corporate worship, and they worshipped in the synagogues. He was instructing them to set aside something from their wages so he would not have to collect money when he came. He wanted them to give, but he was asking them to set aside on the first day. Why? **Israelites and Jews didn't work on the Sabbath, so they wouldn't have set aside money on the Sabbath, because that would have been**

considered work. He didn't want to wait until he got there and try to collect it all at once. And, they would probably give more if they gave a little at a time rather than giving one time. When we set aside money for the work of the Kingdom, we don't spend it on other things. Paul, while in Corinth, *"reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath, and persuaded both Jews and Greeks"* Acts 18:4. The church in Corinth was collecting money for the church in Jerusalem, but I don't believe at this time they were collecting it at the synagogue. The money given there would have been used for the synagogue, and not necessarily for the *"The Way"*. They would have collected separately for the work of the Kingdom, because they wanted the disciples traveling to teach to have what they needed, and also gave money for other congregations to take care of the poor and widows. **If the first day was the day they were to worship, Paul would have written about it, and it would've said he was in the synagogue on Sunday or in a house for church. However, that's not what the Bible says. The Bible attributes no holiness to Sunday as a weekly day of worship, and "the Way" was not keeping Sunday. I'm trying to show how subtle the strategies of the enemy are.** He wants us to add onto Scripture, and believe it says something it doesn't say. The Bible is truth, but mixes with lies, and suddenly is error.

3. Ephesians 2:14-16 *"For He Himself is our peace, who has made both [Jew and Gentile] one, and has broken down the middle wall of division between us, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity."* The Hebrew for ordinances is *"m'chitzah,"* which means *"partition or division, separating."* The word ordinances is translated from the Greek word dogma, and refers to *"opinions, judgments, and decrees, rules and requirements of the law of Moses, resulting in severe judgement if one did not obey."* Paul was talking to the Gentiles and Jews who had come to faith in Yeshua. He was telling them they were once far off because of sin (breaking the commandments). And then he addresses the Gentiles specifically in verse 11. He tells them they were separated from Christ, estranged from the covenants and promises (because they were given to Israel. There was division between the Jews and Gentiles before they came together as one in Yeshua. Those who kept the Laws of God and obeyed Him were His people, and those that didn't weren't. They were enemies. But Yeshua destroyed the enmity. **The enmity was between Jews and Gentiles. These ordinances acted as a "middle wall of division." It was what separated the two people groups!** Yeshua made peace between the Jews and Gentiles and reconciled them both to God in His body. Most people think that the Law (commandments) is what He abolished. But the preposition come after the phrase *"the enmity"*. **This is VERY IMPORTANT. Did Yeshua abolish the Law? No. Because He said in Matthew 5:17-20 the He did not. That wasn't the purpose of His coming. It was to abolish the enmity between Israel and the Gentiles. All had sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. The requirements of the ordinances in the commandments required punishment for sin, curses, and death. But Yeshua came to eliminate and abolish those, redeem us from the curse and give us life instead of death! The two groups of people would become one only in Him.** In Verses 19-20 He said *"Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints (confirmed in Revelation 12:17, 14:12, and 22:14) and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets, Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone."* What was the foundation of the apostles and prophets? Well, Moses wrote the Torah. He was the mediator of the Law. That was still in force. The prophets prophesied about Yeshua's first coming, second coming and the wrath that would come upon Israel for their disobedience to what? The Law. There is a problem with Israel all throughout the Old Testament. They rebelled and disobeyed God, violating the eternal covenant He made with them at Sinai. **The problem is resolved in Yeshua who came for the "lost sheep of Israel." Those who belonged to Israel by blood and those who would belong to Israel by His blood!**

4. Galatians 4:3-11 *"In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world.... But after you have known God, or rather are known by God, how is it you turn again to the weak and beggarly elements, to which you desire again to be in bondage? You observe days and months and seasons and years. I am afraid for you, lest I have labored for you in vain."* Paul was writing to the Gentile converts. They had been rescued from the world. Some were going back to their old pagan ways. **They didn't observe the Sabbath or God-ordained feasts before. They couldn't go back to what they never observed.** The Greek for *"elements"* is *"Stoiecheo."* The same Greek word is used in verse 3: *"Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world."* If the weak and beggarly elements mentioned in verse 9 meant the law of God, then it would be irrational to say that in verse 3 Paul was saying we were *"in bondage under the elementary principles of the world."* **It is either the Law of God or the law of the world--it can't be both.** The real meaning of *"weak and beggarly elements"* is the *"elements of the world."* This is what he said in Colossians. **It can't possibly refer to the Sabbath or the Laws of God. This would be blasphemy. It refers to false human religion.** In Greco-Roman religion, they considered days of the month to be allotted to different entities (gods). A month was dedicated to Apollo. Pagans in Galatia had a lot of superstitious beliefs. They associated the moon, stars, sun, planets with gods and goddesses. The first day of the week was devoted to the sun god. They had their own festival calendar and conducted harvest festivals and religious festivals. They had parties and made animal sacrifices to gods. They had priests and priestesses. This is what the enemy does. He

perverts God's commandments. Here two historical accounts of the Greco-Roman festivals. One is from the time of Yeshua (Jesus). The other is after, but this is to demonstrate that they were taking place:

Strabo wrote in *"Geographia"* (c. A.D. 20): *"A festival is celebrated every year at Acharaca; and at that time in particular those who celebrate the festival can see and hear concerning all these things; and at the festival, too, about noon, the boys and young men of the gymnasium, nude and anointed with oil, take out a bull and with haste run before him into the cave; and, when they arrive at the cave, the bull goes forward a short distance, falls, and breathes out his life."* [Source: Strabo, *The Geography of Strabo: Literally Translated, with Notes*, translated by H. C. Hamilton, & W. Falconer, (London: H. G. Bohn, 1854-1857)

The Roman-era Greek orator Dio Chrysostom wrote (A.D. 110): *"Some people attend the festival of the god out of curiosity, some for shows and contests, and many bring goods of all sorts for sale, the market folk, that is, some of whom display their crafts and manufactures while others make a show of some special learning — many, of works of tragedy or poetry, many, of prose works. Some draw worshipers from remote regions for religion's sake alone, as does the festival of Artemis at Ephesos, venerated not only in her home-city, but by Hellenes and barbarians."* I've discussed the Hellenistic Jews and the schools of Alexandria and Antioch. The Hellenes and the barbarians were attending these festivals, worshipping gods.

Paul is instructing not to turn again to their idolatrous pagan practices of the past, the weak and beggarly elements of the world. (vs 9). Do you see the tactics of the enemy? He has deceived people into thinking that the elementary principles of the world, the beggarly elements are GOD'S LAWS! Since the Sabbath and the Feasts weren't part of those idolatrous practices, but were practices of the chosen, set apart people of God and followers of Yeshua, Paul could not have been referring to Sabbath observance! That's why *"weak and beggarly elements"* would be going back to observing the days, months, seasons, and years observed by the pagans. For Paul, when they adopted the paganistic doctrines, they were worshipping false gods and demons. Paul is telling the Gentiles not become slaves to sin again. Paul was instructing them not to return to paganism.

These texts don't call the Sabbath or the Feasts bondage. Paul wouldn't have done that.

Paul is telling the Gentiles not to return to the pagan ways. God told Israel in Leviticus 18:2-5 not to do the ways of the pagans. **God knew that the ways of the pagans were bondage and that they would become slaves to sin.** *"Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, I am the Lord your God. You shall not do as they do in the land of Egypt, where you lived, and you shall not do as they do in the land of Canaan, to which I am bringing you. You shall not walk in their statutes. You shall follow My rules and keep my statutes and walk in them. I am the Lord your God. You shall therefore keep my statutes and my rules; if a person does them, he shall live by them: I am the Lord.."* God's statutes and rules are LIFE, not elementary principles of the world, not beggarly elements!

5. Romans 14:5-6 *"One person esteems one day above another; another esteems every day alike. Let each be fully convinced in his own mind. He who observes the day, observes it to the Lord; and he who does not observe the day, to the Lord, he does not observe it."* The word Sabbath is not mentioned because isn't the subject/context. The day of worship isn't mentioned. **The context of Romans 14 is passing judgment on others and not causing others to stumble, and it's about eating. He's referring to the days they fasted or celebrated a festival (not the ones commanded by God).** The Jews customarily fasted twice in the week (Luke 18:12) and on specific days and certain months. The Jewish people fasted on days Tzom Gedaliah, Asarah B'Tvet, Fast of Esther (Purim celebration), Shiva Asar B'Tammuz, and Tisha B'av. Some believers could have still been celebrating these days. **He is referring to choosing a day on which to fast and observe to the Lord, but he's not talking about the Sabbath or choosing a day to worship. Paul would have mentioned this if that's what he was addressing, but the context of the chapter tells us he wasn't talking about that.** He's telling them not to judge one another and be a stumbling block with what they were eating. Most likely some believers may have been Gnostics because they believed that matter (meat) is evil, and eating meat in Gnosticism was prohibited. They may not have wanted to be around when people were eating meat. **The first subject of the chapter had to do with "doubtful things."** Paul would never refer to the Old Testament as doubtful. Paul called the Old Testament the *"Scriptures."* In 2 Timothy 3:16-17 he says, *"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work."* The only Scripture they had was the Old Testament. He did not consider the OT doubtful. He said it was breathed out by God.

6. Colossians 2:13-20 *"And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This He set aside, nailing it to the cross."* **Let's establish the context of this chapter.** Paul was addressing the church of Colossae. He begins by telling them that he wants them to have complete

confidence that they understand Yeshua, the mystery of the gospel in **verse 2**. And he says, *“in Him are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge”* in **verse 3**. He told them he didn’t want anyone to deceive them with fine-sounding arguments in **verse 4**. He wanted their faith to remain firm in Yeshua (**verse 5**). He encouraged them to continue living their lives in Him. He wanted their roots to grow deep in Him, He wanted their lives to be built on Him as Yeshua taught in **Matthew 7:24-27 (verse 6- 7)**. He was warning not to let anyone take them captive with empty philosophies and things that sounded good because they weren’t truth, but were things that were from human thinking and tradition and the spiritual powers of the world. The truth was/is the gospel (**verse 8**). They were now complete, because they were in union with Yeshua, and He is the head of all rulers and authorities, having crushed the head of the serpent when He died, resurrected and ascended (**verse 10**). They were spiritually circumcised (**verse 11**). They had been dead in their sins (transgression of the Law), but were now alive with Yeshua, and were forgiven of breaking the Law (**verse 13**). This is another confirmation of this in **#3 above in Ephesians 2:14-16. The record of death, the wages of sin (death) was cancelled. The record of death was set aside (verse 14). We see a similar preposition as we did in Ephesians that is connected to the record of death, not the Law.** We need to address **verse 15** as well: Paul says that Yeshua disarmed principalities and powers and put them to open shame by triumphing over them. **The enemy thought he had people trapped in Judaism (religion) and other philosophies and religions. But Yeshua delivered them from the evil spirits that had kept them in darkness (the elemental spirits of the world). They came out of religion and philosophies and into faith in God through the Son, who they believed!** People who believed in Yeshua had once believed pagan philosophies: Socrates, Plato, Hellenistic beliefs, Stoicism, Gnosticism, and others. These things had the appearance of wisdom and self-imposed religion, false humility, but they were things invented by men. They came from the elemental spirits of the world-demons. These things could never produce righteousness. Only through Yeshua can we enter the way of righteousness. He made it possible for us to die to sins, that we *“might live for righteousness”* (1 Peter 2:24). **It was the trespasses (the trespassing of the Law/record of debt) that were against us. The Bible says, “the wages of sin is death.” The wages were paid on the cross. The word “requirements” is translated into “ordinances.”** The history of Biblical usage says: *“carrying a suggestion of severity and of threatened judgement.”* Paul is telling the Colossians that the sacrifice of Yeshua Christ has **“wiped out”** all record of their guilt and threatened judgement, not the Law itself! The handwriting of requirements that was against people was the requirement for God to bring judgement: curses and death. But the requirements for punishment for breaking the Law were removed through Yeshua! We went over this in **#3 (Ephesians 2:14-16).** Yeshua COULD NOT wipe out the Law that He said He didn’t come to wipe out! If we say this, we have to ignore what Yeshua taught and what He did. And that is a false gospel. Paul said that if anyone taught a false gospel, they were accursed. And this is the state of the church today because most are teaching a false gospel, twisting the Word as Peter said people were doing in his day about Paul’s writings and the scriptures. He warned us not to fall for this error of lawlessness in 2 Peter 3:15-17. *“Paul also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him, as he does in all his letters when he speaks in them of these matters. There are some things in them that are hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do the other Scriptures. You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, take care that you are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose your own stability.”* Peter was warning us. Lawlessness produces instability because it carries us away from the gospel and tries to convince us we can be lawless, but the Bible doesn’t say that anywhere! With the context of the verses in Chapter 2, we’ll look at what is probably the most misunderstood verses in the Bible.

Verses 16-20 *“Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival (feast) for a new moon (Rosh Chodesh-head of the month) or Sabbaths.”* Paul told the members of the church who were celebrating God’s festivals. Rosh Chodesh and the Sabbath (they were following Yeshua) to continue doing this without worrying about people judging them. Paul wasn’t saying they didn’t have to keep the laws regarding food and drink, the festivals (Feasts of the Lord), the Rosh Chodesh (head of month), or the Sabbaths. **Paul kept the Sabbath and the Feasts, Yeshua kept the Sabbath and the Feasts, the disciples kept the Sabbath and the Feasts. Paul, the disciples or other believers were never accused of breaking the Sabbath day or teaching others to do so. Colossians 2:16 is proof in scripture that the Sabbath day was not changed because he addresses those who are keeping it, not those who are not! He told them not to let anyone judge them because they were obeying (doing) the commandments of Scripture vs the commandments of men.** Paul is not saying *“break the law. You don’t have to keep these.”* He didn’t say *“Don’t let anyone judge you for worshipping on Sunday, celebrating Easter, St. Patrick’s day, Lent, Christmas.”* **To think that Paul would say “break the Law and don’t let anyone judge you” is HERESY! It’s totally contrary to the gospel!** The followers of the way were Hebrews--they ate different foods--they didn’t eat unclean meats because according to God they weren’t food. God deemed them unclean. They didn’t eat food sacrificed to idols, and they didn’t drink alcohol (get drunk) like the pagans. They kept the Biblical feasts, not the pagan festivals. They kept the monthly festival of the head of the month, Rosh Chodesh. They the seven festivals (the Feasts of the Lord) and the High Sabbaths in those festivals. Paul was combatting false teachings in this church which was combining ideas from Gnosticism, mysticism, and other philosophies which were heresies *“mixed”* with truth. This is syncretism and God hates it. **Paul was telling the assembly of Colossae (The “Way” that was keeping the ways of God) “Let no**

one pass judgement on you.," those who are keeping the commandments of God. Paul kept the festivals, head of the month, and Sabbaths, and he taught the churches to keep them!

Let's talk about where this judgement could have come from. It could have come from: (2) other believers (who were promoting ungodly doctrines in the church), from the pagans, or the Jews. Pagans wouldn't have kept the festivals of the Lord, the head of the month, and the Sabbaths or (2) Jews may have judged the Gentiles that became part of "the Way" because they were keeping the festivals, new moons (Rosh Chodesh), and Sabbaths and they didn't think the Gentiles should be keeping them. **HE TOLD THEM NOT TO ALLOW OTHERS TO CONDEMN THEIR PRACTICES FOUNDED WITH SCRIPTURE INSTEAD OF MEN! Verse 17 says "which are a shadow of things to come, but the substance is of Christ."** Most people twist this verse to mean "We don't have to do any of those things from the Old Testament because they are just a shadow. Now we have the substance, so we don't need them." **This is EXACTLY what the enemy wants you to think! But this is a twisting of Scripture!** The substance is the Sabbath, the Feasts, Rosh Chodesh, eating clean foods all point us to Christ, who did these things perfectly as the Word made flesh! This is exactly why we do these things—keep the commandments of God—because the substance is Christ and we follow Him! We don't do the pagan things and celebrate pagan holidays because the substance ISN'T CHRIST! The substance is elemental spirits of the world, demons!

Let's think about when God gave his instructions about how to build it. That Tabernacle represented Yeshua and what He would do for us. It all pointed to salvation. It was the gospel. Moses and the children of Israel didn't say, "God, we don't have to do that. The substance is Christ. We can just skip that. We'd rather do it this way" No, God gave specific instructions and they did exactly what He said. They built it His way. **God is building a house, and we are to follow His specific instructions. Yeshua was our teacher, our substance, and we must follow Him. Some of those things are a shadow of things to come, but that doesn't mean we don't obey! This is the biggest lie perpetrated on the church today!** Paul is telling them to only allow Christ to instruct them, not men. **If Paul would've said to the Colossian church not to keep the Sabbath or the feasts he would've been a hypocrite, because he was keeping them!**

In **verse 20**, he says "Therefore if you died with Christ from the **basic principles of the world**, do you subject yourselves to regulations—do not touch, do not taste, do not handle., which all concern things which perish with the using—according to the commandments and doctrines of men? These things indeed have an appearance of wisdom and **self-imposed religion**, false humility, and neglect of the body, but are **of no value against the indulgence of the flesh.**" What is he talking about when he says "do not touch, do not taste, do not handle, things which perish? **God's Word is NEVER the basic principles of the world. His Word is not of this world.** We have to understand what was going on at the time to know what he's talking about. Gnostics believe that the material world is imperfect, defective, and only the spirit world is good. They think the physical world is just a façade. They believe salvation is through secret (elitist) knowledge through **self-denial**. They focus on shunning the material world. They believe in fasting and sexual abstinence for good works for the purpose of "spiritual enlightenment." They believe in dualism, they have an aversion to the material world. They believe in mystical "spiritual" experiences. They don't believe that God can have a human nature. They believe your soul ascends into the spirit world after death. And we know that the Jewish religious sects were prideful because they had their own law (the oral law). They also mixed with mysticism through Hellenism. Yeshua had rebuked them for it. **Gnosticism, the philosophies, and Judaism with its ritualistic Talmudic commandments of the day would have been "the basic principles of the world", not God's Law! So, Paul could not have been talking about God's laws because the commandments ARE very valuable against the indulgence of the flesh. His Law is not a doctrine or commandment of men and it's not from the elemental spirits of the world-demons!** He said to them "So walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him, and established in the faith, **as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving**" Colossians 2:6-7. **We can't walk in Christ if we're not doing what He did. We can't follow Him if we're doing things that He is not the substance of!** Paul kept the feasts and taught people to keep them. **These verses are the most misunderstood verses of the Bible regarding the Sabbath because the enemy wants you to pull Scripture out of context and twist it and he's convinced most people that he's right.**

- 7. Romans 10:4.** The ESV translation and most translations say, "For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes." This verse is used to say "The Law is done away with because of Christ. He ended it." **But Yeshua Himself said He didn't come to abolish the Law or the prophets and that not one jot or tittle would pass from the Law until ALL is fulfilled.** So we have to test the Scripture by looking at the Greek word for "end" to see what it means. The Greek word for the phrase "the end" is **telos**. It has several meanings so we have determine which of the meanings agrees with Scripture. If it doesn't agree with the whole counsel of Scripture, then it's not the meaning the writer intended because Paul and the disciples taught the gospel that John the Baptist and Yeshua taught, "repent, for the Kingdom of heaven has come near." Repent means to turn from sin and sin is breaking God's Law. **So, Christ can't be the end of the Law because people in His time were and are still breaking God's Law. That's what we're supposed to turn from and give our lives to Yeshua to follow Him in obedience to the Law.** Now, let's go back to telos. It can mean "termination", but it also can mean "the last in

a succession or series”, “eternal”, “that by which an issue is finished/closed”, or “the end to which all things relate, aim, purpose, goal.”

We have to put in context what Paul was saying with what Yeshua said and all other scriptures say. **This is the definition that most closely agrees with the full counsel of Scripture. We’ve tested Romans 4 and seen that Yeshua did NOT end the Law. He is the end to which the Torah relates, the aim of the Torah, the purpose of the Torah and the goal of the Torah. This means we don’t throw the Torah away. We do what Yeshua did. We keep it. We follow Him.**

**SCRIPTURE, EVEN THE NEW TESTAMENT TELLS US THAT THE LAW HAS NOT ENDED.
THIS IS HOW THE ENEMY WORKS.
THE ENEMY CONVINCES YOU THAT GOD’S WORD SAYS SOMETHING THAT IT DOESN’T.**

**THE ENEMY HAS DECEIVED THE CHURCH IN BELIEVING THAT THESE 7 VERSES PROVE THAT WE DON’T HAVE TO KEEP THE SABBATH, BUT THEY PROVE JUST THE OPPOSITE-
THEY PROVE THAT THE BIBLE DOESN’T TALK ABOUT SUNDAY WORSHIP!**

**IF GOD WANTED TO REPLACE THE SABBATH, HE WOULD HAVE TOLD US. HE IS A VERY PRECISE GOD.
IF YESHUA WANTED TO REPLACE THE SABBATH, HE WOULD HAVE TOLD US.**

Today, we are in the year 2025, and most Christians haven’t been keeping the commandments, the Sabbath, or the feasts for about 2,000 years because the Catholic church replaced the Sabbath and Feasts of the Lord with their own pagan feasts and festivals. Most churches keep these pagan feasts and follow the Catholic church instead of the Word of God. If we follow Catholic church doctrine, which is idolatry, we agree with the teaching of unbelievers. I’m talking about the teaching of the Catholic church. There are many people who believe in Yeshua in the Catholic church, but they don’t know how to obey Him. Many denominations are going along with culture and the Catholic church, which is an idolatrous harlot. The bride of Christ is pure, but the harlot is an idolator (pagan).

THE HARLOT IS PRETENDING TO BE THE BRIDE, BUT SHE’S NOT THE BRIDE.

Today there is widespread disloyalty to God’s Word today (the truth). Most churches are loyal to the Catholic church, protesting its authority, but bowing to it. John 8:31-32 says, “So Yeshua said to the Jews who had believed him, **‘If you abide in My word, you are truly My disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.’**” We are not abiding in His Word today. Yeshua (Jesus) said, **“IF you abide in me, you keep My commandments.”** Many people in the church are in bondage because they don’t keep God’s laws. Pastors, teachers, and ministers don’t teach God’s laws, and believers haven’t kept God’s laws. And we see the church becoming more and more worldly. They don’t have a foundation in the Torah, so they’ve gotten way off base! Most pastors and teachers have been taught false doctrines but haven’t studied to show themselves approved. 2 Corinthians 6:17 says **“Therefore come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Touch no unclean things, and I will receive you.”** Paul is talking about what a believer has in common with an unbeliever. He said, **“What agreement can exist between the Temple of God and idols?”** Paul was telling the believers in Yeshua to come out of paganism and be separate! Yet the church is mixing with the idolatry of paganism and the Catholic church! Yeshua (Jesus) also says, **“Come out of her”** in Revelation 18:4. He’s telling the church to come out of Babylon, the system of the world. **Most churches are in Babylon-they aren’t set apart!** The judgment will come upon Babylon, the whore. **And it will come and is coming on the household of God.** **“For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God?”** 1 Peter 4:17. **Have we come out of Babylon if we’re still teaching Sunday worship, a pagan doctrine/tradition? Do you see God’s judgement on the church right now?**

Most churches believe that the New Testament is reliable Scripture for doctrine, but the Old Testament has been done away with. Some churches say, **“We’re a New Testament church.”** The only thing I can say to that is that you aren’t Yeshua’s church, because Yeshua taught the Scriptures of the Old Testament, but in a new way. These churches go to the Old Testament scriptures when they want to talk about them, when they want to tell a story or teach a spiritual lesson. But when it comes to God’s Law, they will think of every excuse as to why the Law doesn’t apply to them. They ignore ALL the verses in the Old Testament where God tells Israel to return to Him, to repent, to reason with Him. They can preach on some things in the Old Testament, but will leave out the Law and the Sabbath because it doesn’t line up with their theology. They allow their own theology to run wild, but they don’t root their understanding of the Bible on the Torah (Genesis through Deuteronomy), which is the foundation of the Bible. **They don’t root their understanding in Covenant. I would suggest you read the study “The New Covenant” available on the website avodahministries.org. If we don’t understand the Torah covenant, we will lack a lot of understanding of the rest of the Bible in context.** The Bible tells us that there will be a great falling away.

2 Peter 1:20-21 says, **“But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretations, for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.”** (many

churches teach another false doctrine that no one had the Holy Spirit before Yeshua. Scripture says that the Holy Spirit was moving men to speak the Word of God and the Holy Spirit is mentioned in the Old Testament several times. **1 Timothy 6:2-4** says “*teach and urge these things. If anyone teaches a different doctrine and does not agree with the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching that accords with godliness, he is puffed up with conceit and understands nothing.*” **John 7:16** says “*So Yeshua answered them, ‘My teaching is not mine, but His who sent me.’*” If Yeshua’s teaching was the Father’s, why would He change what the Father says if He Himself doesn’t change and His Word doesn’t change? We can’t understand Scripture when our context is framed by the pastors we listen to. I believe that many pastors skip and omit things in the Bible that they’re not willing to teach because it doesn’t line up with their doctrine. I have seen this in churches. I think a lot of believers have questions because their pastors aren’t teaching the entire Word. This is why so many people question the Sabbath. Because what most pastors teach doesn’t line up with the Bible.

Most Christians would say that homosexuality is not ok. On what basis do they make this claim?

1. God created man and woman.

2. He commanded them to be fruitful and multiply, which can only happen in a heterosexual relationship

3. Because it violates the sexual immorality laws in Leviticus 18 of the Torah. God created sexuality—He created man and woman, and sex was a part of a covenant relationship. Sex is good, but it must be done **in the order that God commanded it to be done.** It must be done WITHIN covenant. And He commanded it to be done a certain way in the Torah. Most Christians would not agree with violating ANY of the laws in Leviticus 18 because it’s God’s Word, His commandments, but they don’t apply that same reasoning to the Sabbath. Pagan had lives of sexual immorality including homosexuality. But God’s people were to be set apart.

4. It was restated in the New Testament. Paul talks about sexual immorality and homosexuality (at that it was called sodomy). He talks about it because he doesn’t want followers of Yeshua to do it because it is lawless (violation of the Torah). But, if we’re trying to find something **only** in the New Testament, we miss the teaching because we must go back to the Torah (instructions) for the teaching. We have to study the entire Bible, because IT in its entirety is God’s Word, not just the New Testament. If we’re trying to find everything in the New Testament, we’re eliminating the majority of God’s Word.

**JUST AS THERE IS AN ORDER FOR SEXUALITY, THERE IS AN ORDER FOR WORSHIP.
IT MUST BE DONE IN THE ORDER THAT GOD COMMANDED IT TO BE DONE.
THE SABBATH IS GOD’S ORDER.**

So, why do most Christians say that breaking the Sabbath commandment is ok? The same arguments apply to the Sabbath as homosexuality:

1. God created it in creation. He rested on it. He sanctified it and made it **holy.**

2. He commanded Israel to keep it before the 10 commandments were given (there was an oral law prior to God writing the Law on the stone tablets with His finger). We know this because in Exodus 16 God told the Israelites that they disobeyed him when people went to gather manna on the Sabbath prior to the 10 commandments being given.

3. The Torah gives instructions about the “appointed times” of the Lord (the Sabbath and Feasts) several times, and the Sabbath is the first “appointed time”, the weekly time to worship the Lord in a holy convocations. It is the day of the week God set apart for us, His people (Exodus 16, 20, 31,35, Leviticus 23, Deuteronomy 5).

4. It was restated and kept in the New Testament, even after Yeshua’s ascension. Yeshua (Jesus), the disciples, and Paul and the early church kept the Sabbath because it was understood that God’ people kept it. Israel was exiled for not keeping it, so God is serious about us worshipping Him at His times.

God never commanded us to keep Sunday as the day of the resurrection or a day of worship. He determined the day we are to corporately worship Him. He determined the day that IS HOLY. He gave us the commandments because He’s a God of order. The church has been justifying Sunday worship, making excuses (a well-planned lie), and following the ways of the world. **I see a lot of people justifying why they don’t keep the Sabbath.** God delivered me from 29 years of homosexuality. Most people in the homosexual lifestyle are justifying their sin. Homosexual acts are sin and so is breaking the Sabbath. **Lawlessness is in the church with Sunday worship. We have the power of choice, and you’re choosing disobedience if you aren’t keeping the Sabbath commandment.** When we choose to sin, our light begins to dim (this is exactly what Israel did!). **You are trying to get ourselves to believe a lie, trying to convince yourself. You are not living out the truth.**

The Sabbath must be done in order with the way God commanded it to be done, just like sexual relationships must be done in God’s order. Breaking the Sabbath violates the 10 words, the 10 commandments. **We’ve missed the mark, church! Can you love God if you aren’t blessing Him and obeying Him, if you aren’t bending your will to His? Rejecting His Law is rejecting Yeshua’s teachings. It’s rejecting Yeshua and God and grieving the Holy Spirit.**

NOWHERE IN THE NEW TESTAMENT IS THE SABBATH QUESTIONED OR DID PEOPLE BELIEVE THE SABBATH HAD BEEN DONE AWAY WITH.

God never tells us that He no longer wants us to keep the Sabbath day. Nowhere in the New Testament does God or Yeshua say that we should keep Sunday. He wouldn't withdraw the wonderful gift of the Sabbath. Yeshua didn't teach that the Sabbath changed. **Yeshua never commanded us to keep Sunday to celebrate His resurrection. So for those who say it has to be in the New Testament, I would say you need to prove it is, and Sunday is not. God's Word ALWAYS aligns with itself! We have to look at what the entire counsel of Scripture says, and the ONLY DAY that's mentioned as being a day of worship/rest is the Sabbath!** There is no evidence whatsoever that Sunday was a regular day for Christian weekly worship services. We tested the Scriptures, and we've seen that the enemy has twisted the verses (and caused people to twist them) in the New Testament to convince people the Law has been done away with. I've given the verses **Revelation 12:17** and **Revelation 14:12** several times. I hope you can now see that the enemy is trying to steal your salvation. He's trying to destroy your opportunity to be in the Kingdom.

I know you may not realize it, but if you teach against the commandments, you are against God and Yeshua. When your opinion stands against God's Word, you're saying you have a better way than God. Jeremiah 2:13 tells us what God said about Israel when they went their own way and didn't keep His commandments: *"For My people have committed two evils: they have forsaken Me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water."* When you push God's Word aside, you forsake Him. When you try to make up your own rules, you are trying to make a reservoir that can't hold water. **Do you think God is serious about this?**

If you criticize or judge Sabbath-keeping believers, you criticize the Bible and God (This is exactly what was happening when Paul wrote Colossians 2. People were judging those keeping the appointed times of the Lord). And you try to curse God's people, but we learn from the story of Baalak that this is NOT possible. And in doing so, you bring a curse upon yourself. I heard a very famous pastor say that the Sabbath is a demonic doctrine. God have mercy on his soul! Father, lead him to the truth so he doesn't die! The Law leads us to the Messiah according to Galatians 3:24. He is the goal of the Law and He came to fill it up to its most complete meaning! Matthew 5:48 says, *"You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect."* We have a lot of pastors teaching a hyper-grace theology that we don't have to do anything once we're "saved." But Scripture is clear. We are called to be holy and to be perfect. God says, *"be holy, for I am holy."* If we're called to be holy, shouldn't we keep the commandments? If we don't keep the Sabbath, the holy day of the week, how can we be holy? We can't use excuses like *Well, I can't be perfect, so I'm not going to try.* You cannot stand before Yeshua with these excuses. Is it righteous to break the commandments of God? Righteousness and justice are the foundations of His throne according to Psalm 89:14, so this is what we need to walk in.

Let's look at what **1 John 2:1-6** says: *"My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. And by this we know that we have come to know Him, IF we keep His commandments. Whoever says 'I know Him' but does not keep His commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, but whoever keeps His word, in Him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in Him: whoever says he abides in Him ought to walk in the same way in which He walked."* Did Yeshua keep Sunday? Did He keep pagan holiday like Easter and Christmas or did He keep the Feasts of the Lord? You should be able to answer this. Now we know how we're supposed to walk.

Romans 12:1-2 says, *"Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will."* These verses have broad context and application. How are you offering your body as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God if you you're disobeying Him by not keeping His Sabbath holy? Is this worshipping Him in Spirit and truth?

Romans 1:18-25 says *"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. For what can be known about God is plain to them because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to Him, but they became in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things. Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen."* These are verses about people who didn't want to retain God's knowledge, so He gave them over to a depraved mind. The context is pagan unbelievers and is used to demonstrate that homosexuality is against the Law of God. But there's another teaching here. **It should be obvious to see that God's Sabbath day is the day He set apart and rested, and that we should keep it instead of doing something completely opposite. We should not reject God's knowledge. He made the Sabbath for man. We are without excuse if we don't obey His commandments**

Our conscience should be clear. Sunday worship comes from paganism/sun worship, which is opposed to God, and it is against what God has revealed in His Word. It's not worship that comes from God, or that brings glory and honor to God, because it's pointed at the wrong object. It's pointed at the created, not the creator. We may feel like it's ok to worship on Sunday, but feeling a certain way doesn't make it truth. **Our feelings should not dictate our lives.** I hear people say things like: "" or "." Truth should. If we try to make excuses, we're rebelling. This is exactly what homosexuals say. *"I feel like I'm gay", "I have feelings for the same sex", and "I have felt this way all my life."* **And many people in the church use the same excuses:** *"I feel like it's okay to take a Sabbath any day", "Well, I think I can take a Sabbath any day I want to. God doesn't care which day. He just wants me to worship Him,"*, or *"Sunday is a tradition from the early church fathers. That's the day Christians worship"* or *"I feel like we can worship any day we want even though Scripture doesn't say this."* I realize that people in Sunday churches see God move. But that's not an indicator that you're walking in the truth. God moves when and where He wants to. He can move in the midst of a Satanic festival, but that doesn't make the Satanic festival right. **We're not supposed to mix the holy with the common or profane. People worshipping on Sunday may not realize it, but they are mixing. God hates mixing. He doesn't want us mixing worship of Him with paganism. We aren't to bring things that are defiled into the sanctuary of the Lord, the house of God. It is a holy place.**

**DO WE RECOGNIZE THAT WORSHIPPING GOD ON SUNDAY OR ANOTHER DAY IS A SIN?
ARE WE HOLY, SANCTIFIED OR SET APART IF WE DISOBEY HIM?**

If you were standing before Yeshua today and He said "I told you that if you loved Me, you would keep My commandments. I told you to abide in Me. Why didn't you keep My commandments?", what would you say? Would you tell Him *"I didn't know"* or *"I didn't study?"* **We are all going to be without excuse.** The Bible tells us to study to show ourselves approved. I was in a homosexual lifestyle for 29 years. I believed the doctrines of the gay church for 10 years(!) which have now infiltrated many denominational churches. **I believed what I was told, and I don't know if I believe it really. It was just an excuse to live the life I wanted to live rather than obey God.** Because obeying God would have cost too much. It would have cost me my flesh, my desires. Keeping the Sabbath will cost you. It might cost you family and friends. It might cost vacations or weekends with family and friends. **But following Yeshua isn't supposed to be the easy road.** This is what He said about it. *"Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few"* (Matthew 7:13-14). We are supposed to be living sacrifices. **A sacrifice submits to the one sacrificing it, to its authority.**

SECTION 11: TRUE AND FALSE WORSHIP

IN ORDER TO WORSHIP GOD IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH, WE HAVE TO OBEY GOD'S PRECISE PATTERN. In Genesis 4, Cain brought a sacrifice that was unacceptable to God, and Abel brought a sacrifice that WAS acceptable to God. This is one of the first stories of true and false worship. God said, *"If you do not do well (the right thing in the right way), sin is crouching at the door."* In Leviticus 10, Nadab and Abihu brought strange fire. **What they were doing was not acceptable worship. Why? Because God gave them a command. He told them what they should do/not do and they disobeyed. Let's be careful about bringing different fire we think is acceptable into God's temple. We have to ask some questions about our worship? Is this worship acceptable? Is it obeying God? Is it worshipping in His order, the way He commanded? Or is it disobedience?**

LET'S LOOK AT THREE STORIES IN THE BIBLE TO GET SOME CONTEXT.

- (1) God commanded **Noah** to build the ark to specific dimensions and out of specific wood and other materials. If Noah had disobeyed God, the ark would not have taken them through the flood. What if he would have built it out of pine wood because he thought it was better? What if pine trees were closer to him and he was somewhat lazy? What if he thought Acacia wood was too hard to get? **He and his family wouldn't have lived.** They would have died because the ark would've sank because they didn't obey God, who knew why the Acacia wood worked to keep them above the water, safe. It was a commandment of love.
- (2) God commanded **Moses** and Aaron to go to the Pharaoh and tell him to let God's people go. God gave them specific instructions about what to say and what to do with the staff. What if Moses and Aaron wouldn't have obeyed God's commands about what to say and do when they went to the Pharaoh? **The children of Israel wouldn't have been delivered.**
- (1) God gave the Israelites specific commands about building the Tabernacle and items in it. **Exodus 39:42** says, ***"According to all that the Lord had commanded Moses, so the people of Israel had done all the work. And Moses saw all the work, and behold, they had done it; as the Lord had commanded, so had they done it. Then Moses blessed them."*** After they completed the work **exactly** as God commanded them to, in **Exodus 40:34**, it says ***"Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle."*** What if they wouldn't have obeyed God's precise pattern and they would have changed one detail? **The Tabernacle wouldn't have been holy, and they wouldn't have been able to worship there b/c God's presence wouldn't have been there!** They would have defiled it with their rebellion and sin.

I think serves as an instruction for us that we are to do the work exactly as God commands. The word "Avodah" in Hebrew means *"service, work, and worship."* **When we worship Him through service and work, we are worshipping in spirit and truth.** If we aren't serving Him in the way He has commanded us to, we aren't worshipping Him in Spirit and truth. If we aren't working for Him the way He's commanded us to, we aren't worshipping Him in Spirit and truth. **Do we want His glory to fill His churches? Then we will obey His commands, worshipping Him in Spirit and in truth.**

WE MUST LEARN TO OBEY GOD'S PRECISE PATTERN OF HOLINESS.

Yeshua said in **John 4:23-24** ***"But the hour is coming and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in Spirit and truth."*** If we're not worshipping Him in truth, are we bringing Him acceptable worship?

The Sabbath, the Feasts, and the commandments are God's pattern and they demonstrate His glory!!!! David loved the commandments of God and he saw God's glory in them! He was a man after God's own heart. **We need to love the Sabbath, the Feasts, and the commandments of God, and see God's glory in them.** God says His commandments aren't burdensome. **In fact, they're a blessing. My life has been so blessed since I began keeping the Sabbath. However, the enemy has convinced a lot of people that it is a burden. God is searching for those who desire holiness. He wants obedience rather than sacrifice. We can give Him our sacrifices, but He doesn't accept sacrifices that are given in disobedience.**

WHAT DO WE LEARN? We can bring God false worship. There are offerings God does **NOT** deem as acceptable. **He finds them offensive.** Many of us have determined to do things our own way, and we will not be corrected. We would rather believe pastors that teach an easy gospel than believe the gospel requires obedience. The consequence will be the same as it was for Israel: ***"With most of them God was not pleased and they perished in the wilderness."*** **1 Corinthians 10:5.** Rather than rebel against Him, we need to humble ourselves before Him and obey Him. **God must be regarded as holy and glorified and His commandments must be regarded as holy. His Sabbath must be regarded as holy and sanctified. We must draw near Him with clean hands and a pure heart. God honors authentic worship and sacrifice.** He puts His mark of approval on it and blesses it. **We must respect His holiness, His commandments. We must do as He instructs, not what we think seems right to us or what others say. We must listen to His voice ONLY! We receive blessings when we obey Him!**

We must give an account for what we say and do, and what we let go on in the church. Pastors and teachers will be held accountable for what they teach and what they let others teach their congregation. 1 Peter 4:17 says, *“For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?”* The house of God at that time was keeping the appointed times of the Lord including the Sabbath. People worshipping on another day would not have been worshipping in God’s house. Peter warns believers that if judgement was beginning with God’s people, there would not be a good end for those who did not obey. **Have you ever heard that the gospel is God restoring all things, including our obedience to His Law? This is what the gospel is. It’s the reason for the New Covenant.** God gave His instructions and they apply to everyone, the native and the sojourner. God doesn’t speak out of both sides of His mouth. He is a God of order. **His commandments and instructions are the eternal laws of His Kingdom. The church teaches that the laws of God’s Kingdom have been done away with, but God says He never changes and His Word doesn’t change.**

**WE DON’T HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO CHANGE GOD’S COMMANDMENTS!
HE GAVE HIS LAWS PRECISELY, AND HE EXPECTS THEM TO BE OBEYED PRECISELY.
TO WORSHIP GOD, WE MUST WORSHIP HIM IN COMPLETE OBEDIENCE.
PARTIAL OBEDIENCE IS DISOBEDIENCE.**

God “is not the author of confusion” (1 Corinthians 14:33). Satan works hard in attacking the Sabbath. There are those in the body that are willing to yield to the pressures of the world, men, the church, society, and culture because it’s not popular to stand for the truth of what God has said. If we take a stand for what God says, we’ll be unpopular. We’ll be labeled and be persecuted. Most people want to stay comfortable. **But He put us here to uphold, to take a stand for the things that are true, pure, holy, and righteous, including the Law. We make it stand, fix it or place it according to Paul.** Yeshua told us to endure, to conquer. Yeshua commanded us (the disciples) to go and teach ALL NATIONS us to do everything He commanded, and He commanded us to keep His commandments! However, most pastors are teaching a Jesus that doesn’t exist, a gospel that doesn’t exist (made up by Satan). They don’t teach the gospel which includes obedience, and they don’t teach covenant relationship. Instead they teach a *“greasy grace”* gospel—that you can continue in disobedience and God will save you. **This is totally contradictory to what the Bible teaches.**

OUR WORSHIP CAN BE FALSE WORSHIP. There is some worship that’s unacceptable, contrary to His Law, and dishonoring to Him. And many people (not all) don’t want to hear about the Sabbath or keep it because they are rebellious and prideful. They want to worship Him on the day they want to worship Him because they want to follow tradition and do it the way they want to do it. They don’t want to take the Sabbath off, and be holy to God. They don’t want to rest, stop working. They don’t want to stop doing *“common”* things one day of the week. They want to go out to eat, shop and do whatever they want to do. They don’t want to give God one day of the week, the day He commanded. They think they can express themselves any way they want to and worship on any day they want to, but we cannot work on the 7th day, and we cannot rest on any day. **This is exactly like saying we can say we can express ourselves sexually any way we want to.** These excuses are selfish. God requires selflessness. Pride goes before a fall.

Sunday worship doesn’t require resting or refraining from work. The only thing that sets it apart is a church service. It doesn’t require holiness. A church service doesn’t define holiness. Obedience does. If you go to church on Sunday, you’re breaking the commandment because you haven’t set apart His Sabbath day. We need to be set apart. We need to agree with HIS principles! If you love God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength, you won’t rebel against Him or disobey Him. God’s fundamental laws are fundamental principles and “the Way”! Bill Cloud says, *“We are to adhere to His standards.”* We are to come boldly before the throne of grace. *Boldly doesn’t mean in the way I see fit, in the way that suits me. We honor, we respect Him.”* **If we desire to rest and worship God on a day He didn’t create set apart, sanctify or make holy, are we living holy, sanctified, set apart lives? We obey His commandments because we love Him (1 John 5:3).** The Law of His Kingdom manages our relationship with God and with others. Disobedience is Satan’s kingdom. It’s all about the self. Satanism has a principle of self, personal power. It’s *“you get to decide”*, which is defiance. You get to do whatever you *“feel”*. **Satan wants you to be like him--rebellious, disobedient, lost!** God’s Kingdom is about submitting to God’s authority, loving God, and loving others. Satan doesn’t want you to submit to God’s authority. You have to determine: Are you following Satan or God? **It’s time to decide, because God is beginning to separate the wheat from the tares.**

When truth is taught, sometimes people get upset, pride is revealed, offense comes, and true motives are revealed. Some pastors are afraid of teaching the Sabbath. Their membership might decrease, because people will leave when they have to do something they’re not used to. And if membership goes down, tithes and offerings go down. They might not get to build a huge building or add programs or salaries. They might have to cut their salary. They might have to leave their denomination and their benefits. But I want to ask you something: Should we teach the Word of God or our words? Are we choosing something other than our relationship with God? I know a pastor that started a church in 2012. He learned about the Sabbath and began keeping it in 2018. He began having worship services on Sabbath in January of 2023. He lost almost his entire congregation because they didn’t want to leave their traditions or keep the Sabbath. But people started coming who were seeking truth and the church began to grow.

Should the Word be our authority? A gospel that's easy is not God's gospel. Many pastors continue to compromise for membership, money, salaries, retirement, etc.. However, members continuing in sin is not Yeshua's church. **We should measure success by teaching the truth, teaching people how to be disciples, going and teaching all nations!** This isn't happening in today's church. 95% of churches don't teach the truth. **The church has become a place of comfortability rather than truth. Many churches are lukewarm or dead. I want pastors to do the will of God and I don't want any of them to stand before Yeshua and have Him say He never knew them. I want to encourage them to stand strong and obey God. I want them to be greatest in the Kingdom! Yeshua is going to return soon! There's going to be a cost for not obeying God's laws. There's going to be a cost for teaching people a false gospel.**

**GOD DOESN'T MEASURE SUCCESS IN NUMBERS.
HE MEASURES SUCCESS BY THE TRUTH AND OBEDIENCE.**

Yeshua said in **Matthew 7:22-23**, *"On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.' He doesn't say "you workers of the Law."* He's telling believers who claim to have been His followers and did many things in His name that **He will say to them, "I never knew you. Depart from me, you workers of lawlessness."** He says this because they have broken the Law of God and not done the will of the Father. **He was never the Lord of their lives because they weren't willing to surrender their lives to Him and obey. Their connection with Him only existed in their minds, but it didn't exist in their hearts. He is warning us that if we don't keep His Law, He is going to tell us to depart.** Yeshua said if we don't obey Him, the wrath of God remains on us in **John 3:36. How will we stand before Yeshua if we've been disobeying God?** Even if we've been casting out demons or doing mighty works in His name, if we aren't keeping the commandments of God, He will say to us *"I never knew you. Depart from me, you workers of lawlessness."* **I don't believe anyone wants to hear Him say that! Yeshua is saying something that is extremely hard here. He wants us to take notice. God's word tells us what lawlessness is. It is breaking God's Law.**

In 2 Kings, Jehu didn't follow God with all his heart. He was a prideful man who sought self-glorification rather than God's glory. He wasn't a true worshipper of God. He got rid of what was clearly evil but he refused to remove the idolatry in his land, which showed he didn't really have a relationship with God. He didn't turn from the sins of Jeroboam, and he caused Israel to sin. The Lord began to discipline and cut off parts of Israel because of their unfaithfulness and disobedience to Him. **Jehu wasn't careful to walk in the Law of the Lord with all his heart. This is what is happening in the nations and in church today. We don't have leaders or pastors insisting that we remove the idolatry in our country, in our churches, or that we live according to the Torah. We don't have a single leader of a nation that is careful to walk in the Law of the Lord.**

ARE WE WILLING TO WALK IN THE LAW OF THE LORD WITH ALL OUR HEARTS?

Psalm 119:1 says, *"Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD! Blessed are those who keep His testimonies, who seek Him with their whole heart, who also do no wrong, but walk in His ways!"* How do you walk in God's ways if you disobey His commandments? There are blessing for keeping the commandments. God tells us what they are in Deuteronomy 28, and in chapters 27-28, He tells us what the curses are for disobedience.

How we worship God matters! False worship of God is unacceptable to Him. If we worship Him on a false day, not the Sabbath that He made holy and sanctified, it is false worship! We should follow God **ALL THE WAY** (the early church community was called *"The Way"* and Yeshua (Jesus) said, *"I am the way, the truth, and the life,"* not ½ way.) **We must follow ALL God's commands, not just those we want to follow.** Sunday worship is something that almost everyone is doing. It's the wide road. **It's not obeying a commandment. It's just going to church and doing something in the ways of man. This is a red flag to me.** Churches can have very large congregations because Sunday is easy---almost everyone is doing it. To do Sunday worship, you don't have to rest, do no work, or keep it holy. **How sad that most people miss out of the blessings God gives for keeping His Sabbath!** But I want to ask you a question: If you're friend or pastor jumped off a bridge, would you do it too? No. Because you might die. I'm warning you, that if you don't keep the Sabbath and God's commandments, you will not be in the Kingdom. The wages of sin is death according to **Romans 6:23.** Stop worshipping God on a common day, defiling His Sabbath. **Sabbath requires obedience and God says He wants obedience rather than sacrifice. If we bring Him false sacrifices, we're no better than Israel.** Many are on the road to destruction. They rebel, disobey, break the commandments they want to and throw God's Law behind their backs. If you study the Old Testament, you see what happened to the people of Israel and Judah when they did this. You will have the same fate. **I hope you can see that Sunday is a wide gate. It's a golden calf.**

Hebrews 10:26-31 says, *"If we go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a fearful expectation of judgment, and a fury of fire that will consume the adversaries. Anyone who has set aside the law of Moses dies without mercy on the evidence of two or three witnesses. How much worse punishment, do you think, will be deserved by the one who has trampled underfoot the Son of God, and has profaned the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has outraged the Spirit of grace? For we know him*

who said, 'Vengeance is mine; I will repay.' And again, 'The Lord will judge his people. It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.'" I want you to notice that after Yeshua's ascension, the writer, of Hebrews is saying that anyone who sets aside the Law of Moses dies. This is very serious. The result will be death.

There's always been those who have believe and followed Yeshua. They have kept the commandments, the Sabbaths, and the Feasts, **but it is a really small number, a small remnant. God will bring people to congregations that teach the truth, because people are seeking the truth. Many are looking for congregations that keep the Sabbath, the Feasts, and the commandments. Most people want to learn the truth. They just haven't been taught.**

**WE SHOULDN'T WATER DOWN THE GOSPEL.
IF THE TRUTH OFFENDS, THEN LET IT OFFEND.
WE SHOULD TELL THE TRUTH, EVEN IF IT OFFENDS.**

If we know what sin is and we continue in it, here's what the Bible says:

Romans 2:8 "but to those who are selfishly ambitious and **do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, wrath and indignation.**"

Romans 6:2 "May it never be! **How shall we who died to sin still live in it?"**

Romans 6:15 "What then? **Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? May it never be!"**

1 John 3:6 "No one who abides in Him sins; **no one who sins has seen Him or knows Him.**"

1 John 3:9 "No one who is born of God practices sin, because His seed abides in him; and he cannot sin, because he is born of God."

Romans 6:6 "Knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, **so that we would no longer be slaves to sin;**"

Romans 6:13 "and do not go on presenting the members of your body to sin as instruments of unrighteousness; **but present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.**"

Romans 6:16 "Do you not know that when you present yourselves to someone as slaves for obedience, **you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin resulting in death, or of obedience resulting in righteousness?** If you're not obeying God's Word and you're keeping Sunday as a holy day or a church day, you are a slave to the Catholic church and the enemy.

God is being merciful and gracious to give people time to come back to the truth, to be in covenant with Him. Yeshua came to deliver you from living a sinful life! He gave you the Holy Spirit to bring you to the knowledge of the truth. God wants you to be righteous. He wants you to keep His holy day. I hope the Word will divide your soul and spirit.

**SATAN WANTS TO DESTROY YOU.
HE WANTS TO CONVINCE YOU THAT THE WAY IS EASY.
BUT IT'S NOT. IT'S CHALLENGING.
IT A HARD WAY, A NARROW WAY, BUT IT LEADS TO LIFE AND FREEDOM!**

Proverbs 14:12 says "There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death." We see what happened with the children of Israel who rebelled against God and did not get to enter the promised land, the rest. We can try to do the right thing and end up doing it the wrong way. We may have good intentions, but God has given us His laws. We are required to be obedient. There are many pastors that will not teach this, because it isn't easy, but people must hear it. We can't be careless, ignorant, or make excuses and do whatever we want to do. **We must die to ourselves. We must put away ideologies and teachings that are not the commandments of God. Just because it looks good doesn't mean it's from God or it's holy.** It could be just as profane as the Israelites building the golden calf. We know what happened with them. **2 Corinthians 11:14 says "And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light."**

**GOD WANTS US TO RETURN TO HIS LAW (COVENANT), HIS ANCIENT WAYS,
AND PUT HIS LAWS BEFORE OURSELVES.
THERE HAS TO BE A STANDARD AND GOD HAS GIVEN US HIS STANDARDS:
HIS INSTRUCTIONS AND HIS COMMANDMENTS.**

Today we are transgressing the commandments of God because of our traditions. The Pharisees had decreed traditions in the days of Yeshua. Today the Catholic church has decreed traditions, and almost every protestant church is following the Catholic church's traditions rather than God's commandments! We really need think about how we are worshipping God. We must obey Him and the laws of His eternal Kingdom.

**WE MUST WORSHIP HIM IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH.
IT'S NOT OUR DECISION WHAT IS TRUTH. IT IS HIS.
THE SABBATH IS TRUTH.**

1 Peter 4:13 says “rejoice insofar as you rejoice in Christ’s sufferings.” **2 Timothy 4:5** and **1 Peter 2:19** tell us that we need to endure suffering without compromising our integrity. **Matthew 5:10-12** says “Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.” People are going to insult you if you teach the Sabbath and keep the Sabbath, even people in the church. **But God wants us to follow Him and teach His commandments, even if we lose part of our congregation. BUT GOD!!!!** God can make that congregation the biggest congregation if the pastor is bold enough to teach the commandments of God. We need to guard against false doctrine and spirits, and worship God in Spirit and in truth. If we worship on another day other than His day, it isn’t truth. It’s a lie. And it isn’t the Holy Spirit. Who’s behind lies? The enemy. We have to stop believing ½ truths and study the Word of God. He says, “*if you seek me with your whole heart, you will find me.*”

YOU CAN’T TAKE SOMETHING THAT THE BIBLE DOESN’T EVEN SAY AND CALL IT TRUTH.

Satan has promoted propaganda that Sunday is a part of God’s plan and the commandments of God have been done away with by the Son of God, the I am! The definition of propaganda is “*deliberate biased or misleading information used to promote a particular point of view and persuade and manipulate people.*” Satan has persuaded and manipulated most of the church about what Yeshua taught. Propaganda is a strategy of the enemy. Only God has authority. Satan has no authority. He will try to make something look beautiful and normal that is defiled. He did this to Eve in the garden with the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. **He’s done it to the church with Sunday—through the Roman Catholic church. But the Catholic church’s doctrines are contrary to Scripture.**

1 John 2:3 says, “**By THIS we can BE SURE.**” I talk to Christians who say, “*I can’t keep His commandments.*” And my thought is “*Why not? Do you believe God?*” God tells us that He loves us and that His commandments aren’t burdensome. But a lot of Christians believe His commandments are burdensome. They’ve been deceived.

SO, I’M ASKING YOU, DO YOU LOVE HIM?

HOW ARROGANT DO WE HAVE TO BE NOT TO DO WHAT GOD HAS COMMANDED US TO DO?

HOW PRIDEFUL DO WE HAVE TO BE TO ASSUME THAT WE CAN CHANGE WHAT HE SAID?

2 Peter 2:1-3 says “*But there were also false prophets among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you. They will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the sovereign Lord who bought them—bringing swift destruction on themselves. Many will follow their depraved conduct and will bring the way of truth into disrepute. In their greed these teachers will exploit you with fabricated stories (Sunday is a fabricated story). Their condemnation has long been hanging over them, and their destruction has not been sleeping.*” In **1 Timothy 4:1-2**, **2 Timothy 2:19**, **Romans 6:1**, and **Galatians 2:17**, Paul says that we must depart from iniquity. False teachers and doctrines were creeping into the church then and it was a real threat, and it is a real threat now. It’s a severe problem. How are we going to deal with it? We can’t walk in lawlessness if we are supposed to be ministers of righteousness. This is blasphemy.

Galatians 1:6-10 says “*I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel— not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed. As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed. For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ.*” If the gospel you’ve received says that you don’t have to obey God, you’ve received a different gospel than the one the disciples taught.

SECTION 9: LEGALISM OR LOVE?

Many people in church (ministers, teachers) call Sabbath and Feast-keepers “legalists”—they will say “*you are keeping the commandments because you think it will give you salvation*” (based on your works and not on grace), and many other things. **This is a tactic of Satan—he is the accuser of the brethren and he will use ministers, teachers, and believers to accuse the brethren of legalism. But most people who keep the Sabbath do it because they love God. Because He saved them, delivered them, healed them. I want to walk in the power of the Holy Spirit.** I love the Sabbath. I love having a day of rest, not working, and a day to have fellowship with others and spend time with my Father. **I can do that on any other day, BUT I’M COMMANDED TO DO IT ON THE SABBATH, to set the Sabbath apart for God.** If I do something on any day I want, but I don’t do it on the day He told me to, I’m breaking the commandment. I’m rebelling against my Father and disobeying Him. I’m disobeying the commandment, just like Eve.

I keep the Sabbath, and sometimes it can seem isolating because I’m doing something other people aren’t doing. The world isn’t keeping it. People want me to go out to eat, work and do social events on the Sabbath, but I don’t. **Yeshua says I’m in the world, but I’m not of it. So why do I want to be like it?** I’m supposed to be peculiar. **God says His commandments aren’t burdensome. I believe Him. I won’t compromise.** It’s not difficult to say “no.” The gate is narrow and hard that leads to life. Today, the church teaches a doctrine of grace that says, “*no matter how many times you sin, grace is for you.*” We don’t see this in the New Testament story of Ananias and Sapphira. God killed them. He killed 3,000 people in the OT because of their rebellion in worshipping the golden calf. He killed 23,000 for having sex with Moabite women. He killed the 250 chiefs of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram and all their families because they rebelled against Moses. He killed Nadab and Abihu for bringing strange fire. **So, do we want to bring Him strange fire? Do we think His grace will be for us when we rebel and disobey?**

Sunday can never be holy. Holiness means to be separate from the pagans/world. Mixing Biblical truths with pagan ideas is not holiness. This syncretism (mixing) is exactly what Israel did in the Old Testament, it’s exactly what the Catholic church did after Yeshua, and protestant churches are following the Catholic church instead of the Word of God. God hates syncretism!

**SATAN ALWAYS CANDY COATS HIS POISON.
HE MAKES IT LOOK WONDERFUL ON THE OUTSIDE.**

The Catholic church is one of the wealthiest systems on earth. They have huge churches. Vatican City which is an independent city-state (sovereign country) surrounded by Rome with its own police force, its own fire brigade, newspaper, and its own budget. It is a secular-religious city state, an absolute monarchy, the Pope being its sovereign. Certain properties of the “*holy see*” (this is what they call the Vatican) get status similar to foreign embassies. **The Vatican is full of pagan symbols like the obelisk in St. Peter’s square.** This is from the Circus of Nero, which was used to accomplish mass executions of Christians. Can you tell me why they would want to keep that? That’s like going into a black slave community where people were murdered by slave masters and erecting a statue of one of the slave masters! Vatican city’s arial shape is that of a pig’s head, an unclean animal. St. Peter’s Square is designed in the shape of the male sex organ, and the obelisk in the Vatican courts is a pagan phallic symbol with its origin in ancient Egypt. We see sun worship all over the Vatican and the Catholic church. It’s a symbol of freemasonry, and the Pope is a big proponent of human fraternities. The Jesuits were the first fraternal order. When our eyes are open, we are able to see things. They are in front of our eyes, but sometimes we’re blind. **My prayer is that you won’t be deceived and follow this harlot church.**

“For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of Elohim: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the Most High.” **Isaiah 14:13-14.** Satan wants to be like the Most High. He does this by getting us to worship him instead of God. If he can convince you that you can worship God the way you want to, he has deceived you into the same thing he deceived the angels about in heaven. He deceived them into rebellion and they fell! He deceived Eve into thinking they could be like God. He has deceived many people today into thinking they can be like God—they can decide which day to keep as the Sabbath, that they can decide what is holy.

**WE CAN’T MAKE SOMETHING HOLY THAT ISN’T HOLY.
WE CAN’T BE ON THE FENCE. SATAN OWNS THE FENCE.**

All roads don’t lead to God. We can’t do faith or religion our way because this is prideful. This is exactly why Lucifer fell from heaven. He thought he could do things his way. He didn’t want the angels to do things God’s way. He wanted them to do things his way. **We must take God and his word seriously. We must listen to what He’s told us and do it. We can’t be hearers of the Word only, we must be doers (James 1:22-25). We have to obey the gospel of the Lord Yeshua (Jesus) according to 2 Thessalonians 1:8.** We must respect God’s boundaries, his eternal laws of His Kingdom. We can’t make our own rules, replacing for the Word of God. **We must choose God and His laws, not man’s (Satan’s) laws.**

1 Peter 2:9-10 says “They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for. **But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people (Gentiles), but now you are the people of God (Israel); once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.**” **Exodus 19:4-6** says “You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to Myself. Now therefore, if you will indeed **obey My voice and keep My covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.**’ These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel.” Peter is referencing Exodus 19! Just like the Israelites were a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, so are those grafted into Israel. **Israel is those who obey God’s voice and keep His covenant. Most of the people of Israel didn’t keep God’s laws or teach them. They disobeyed God and broke the covenant. 1 Corinthians 10 tells us this “With most of them, God was not pleased. For they were overthrown in the wilderness.”** Most of the church isn’t keeping God’s laws or teaching them today!

In **1 Corinthians 6:14-18**, Paul says, “Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness? What accord has Christ with Belial? Or what portion does a believer share with an unbeliever? What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said, “I will make my dwelling among them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore go out from their midst, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch no unclean thing; then I will welcome you, and I will be a Father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty.” Baal worship was pagan worship. Sun worship is pagan worship and idolatry. We can have NO accord with it. We can’t bring that into God’s house and think it’s acceptable.

The church has partnership with lawlessness because of its fellowship with the darkness of the Catholic church’s idolatry. **BUT WE** are supposed to be the temple of the living God! We’re supposed to be separate from THEM. They’re a lawless, idolatrous, antichrist church. They changed the commandments of God so we shouldn’t follow them!

Church, it’s time to wake up! The Catholic church is at enmity with God. The body of Christ is not supposed to have ANY fellowship with darkness, and it does have fellowship with it if it’s worshipping on Sunday rather than God’s Sabbath. When we come out and are separate God will welcome us and be a Father to us and we will be sons and daughters to Him (2 Corinthians 6:17-18). Are you willing to come out and separate yourselves to God?

We should know the Word of God, and we should be watchmen in the churches reproofing, correcting and instructions our pastors and others in righteousness, and making sure the doctrines that are taught are correct according to **2 Timothy 3:16**. I may be attacked for what I say, but that’s ok, because the Word of God is a two-edged sword that divides soul and spirit, bone and marrow. It offends the sin in us. **I want to be bold in obedience to God. I will continue to speak the truth. I want to be like Nehemiah, Paul, and Yeshua. He was rejected by those closest to Him, and I’m called to follow Him. I won’t compromise because God wants me to worship Him in Spirit and in truth.**

KEEPING THE SABBATH IS PLEASING GOD. KEEPING SUNDAY IS PLEASING MAN.

In Hebrew, the word SHABBAT

שַׁבָּת

is two root words put together to form one word.

The first root is the letters shin bet, which spells shuv.

שׁוּב

(shuv)

It means return.

The last letter of the word Shabbat is tav.

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Tav means covenant.

So the meaning of Shabbat is return to the covenant! The sign that we are God’s covenant people is Shabbat according to Exodus 31:13-17 and Ezekiel 20:12-24.

**HEBREW WAS WRITTEN IN PICTURES ORIGINALLY.
THE ANCIENT TAV IS A CROSS, AND IT MEANS SIGN, BRANDED CROSS, MARK.**

**SO, YESHUA CAME TO MARK US, TO RETURN US TO THE COVENANT!
THE SABBATH IS THE ETERNAL SIGN THAT WE'RE IN COVENANT!
Yeshua is the same yesterday, today and forever. Hebrews 13:8**

WILL YOU RETURN TO THE COVENANT?

*"There is no other foundation that I will lay in my life except that which has been laid, which is Jesus Christ."
1 Corinthians 3:11.*

SECTION 10: FALSE DOCTRINE-SATAN'S ATTACK ON GOD'S LAWS AND DOCTRINE

SATAN HAS CREATED A BIG LIE-THAT GOD'S LAW IS A BURDEN AND BONDAGE. Satan is the author of confusion. He wants us to believe that the Law of love is the law of sin and death. God isn't a monster who gives us rules that aren't fair or that we can't keep. He's a Father who loves us and gave us His laws for our benefit, to protect us a place a hedge around us from pagan nations. They're a blessing, not a burden. *"For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. and His commandments are not burdensome."* 1 John 5:3. This is the mindset of someone who loves God. The enemy doesn't want us to believe God loves us. He doesn't want us to keep God's commandments. He wants us to think that God's commandments are burdensome, that God doesn't want what's best for us. Just as he deceived Eve, he has deceived most of the church into thinking that they can't keep them or don't have to.

Revelation 22:14 says, *"Blessed are those who do His commandments (some translations say "those who have washed their robes), that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city."*

1 Corinthians 7:19 says, *"Circumcision is nothing and uncircumcision is nothing, but keeping the commandments of God is what matters."* Paul tells us that it doesn't matter if we're Jew or Greek. Keeping the commandments is what matters.

Satan is always trying to undermine the credibility and authenticity of God's Word. Because the Sabbath is part of His spoken AND written Word, we can't neglect it. God's Word produces purity, so if we're not keeping it, we're impure. Satan makes Sunday look very correct, it denies God's authority as Creator. **Satan wants to replace the Sabbath. Sunday did NOT replace the Sabbath. If it did, the Bible would say this specifically! God is precise.**

**GOD IS THE AUTHORITY. MAN IS NOT.
WE MUST OBEY GOD'S WORD.
WE NEED TO RECOGNIZE SUNDAY FOR WHAT IT IS-- POISON, BECAUSE IT IS NOT GOD'S LAW.**

Yeshua said to the disciples *"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age"* **Matthew 28:19-20.** Yeshua commanded the disciples to keep God's Laws. We are supposed to be teaching them to the nations! He kept them perfectly. He is the great High Priest who taught us how to be a royal priesthood, a holy nation. He said, *"follow Me."* That's how we are holy.

FALSE DOCTRINES IN THE CHURCH ARE A RESULT OF REPLACING THE SABBATH: When we allow one false doctrine to come into the church and do not obey God or His Laws, other false doctrines creep in. The enemy attacks the commandments of God, the Sabbath of God, God's character, and His Word because Satan doesn't want us to obey God! He doesn't want us to spend eternity with God because he won't, and he's jealous. The Bible says that he comes *"to steal, kill, and destroy."* He wants to confuse us. He is trying to steal God's Word out of our hearts. He's trying to abolish God's Laws. He's attacking God's character. He's attacking the covenants that God gave to Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, David, and Israel (and all who are grafted in) through Yeshua. He's attacking God's honor, our worship of God, His ways, our faith, and our role in the Kingdom. He's attacking our identity. If we know our identity is Israel in the New Covenant, it changes everything!

GOD WOULD NEVER CHANGE HIS LAWS BECAUSE HE SAID HE NEVER CHANGES AND HIS WORD DOESN'T CHANGE:

Malachi 3:6 *"For I the Lord do not change."*

James 1:17 *"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change."*

Numbers 23:19 *"God is not man, that he should lie, or a son of man, that he should change his mind. Has he said, and will he not do it? Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it?"* Yeshua said *"Do not think (He didn't want us to even think that he abolished the Law!) have come not to abolish the Law or the Prophets, I have not come to abolish them, but to fulfill them."*

Psalms 119:89 *"Forever, O Lord, your word is firmly fixed in the heavens."*

Isaiah 40:8 *"The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God will stand forever."*

Psalms 119:89 says *"forever."* **"His word is firmly fixed in the heavens and will stand forever!"**

**HIS LAW WILL STAND FOREVER.
HIS MESSIAH WILL REIGN FOREVER.
HIS KINGDOM WILL STAND FOREVER.
HIS INSTRUCTION (TORAH, LAW) WILL STAND FOREVER.**

There is not a single verse that says the ten commandments have changed and are not to be kept! There is not a single verse that says, **"THE SABBATH IS NOW SUNDAY."** If Sunday as a replacement to the Sabbath were presented in a courtroom, it would not stand because there is NO EVIDENCE for it!

NOW IS THE TIME TO REMOVE FALSE DOCTRINES FROM THE CHURCH!

Love doesn't equal tolerance. PAUL DID NOT TOLERATE FALSE DOCTRINES OR FALSE TEACHERS! He wrote letters to the churches and told them not to listen to false teachers and false doctrines. The church may threaten to fire pastors who teach the truth. We must die to the world, our flesh and self and follow God and Yeshua. We have been crucified with Christ so Christ is supposed to live in us. We shouldn't compromise the truth. God is calling us to repentance ("*t-shuva*" in Hebrew, which means "*to return*"). We should return to God and His ways. If you allow Sunday, you'll allow more false, demonic doctrines. We see this in Methodist, Presbyterian, Episcopalian, Lutheran, the Church of England (Anglican church), along with other denominations and non-denominational churches today that have accepted homosexuality. These denominations have followed the Catholic church for many years, and now we see that the false doctrines of Catholic pagan worship (Sunday worship) have allowed demonic principalities into the church. It began with Sunday worship and now it includes homosexuality. Both are rebellion. **We can't tolerate false doctrines in the church. If we do, it's not God's church anymore.**

We are at war with principalities and powers. Our job is to put on our armor which includes the sword of the Spirit, our only offensive weapon. **We must take up our swords. That means we must study the Word of God diligently! God is calling us to do this. We must take a stand for the gospel and contend for the faith! We must expose the lies and remove them from the church! The church can recover by turning back from error to God.** When prophets called the people back to God and His ways, the people obeyed God's commandments (Torah). **We are being called back to God and His ways, and we must obey! If you believe this is the last generation church, you know this is urgent! If you want revival, this is what you will do!**

God is refining us in the fire. In the fire, we are being purified to be like Yeshua (Jesus), with Him at the center. Proverbs 24:2 says "*Through wisdom a house is built, and by understanding it is established. For by wise counsel you will wage your own war, and in a multitude of counselors there is safety.*" Most Christians don't fear God. They don't take His Word seriously. **I pray that we will all fear God and be obedient to Him. The church needs wise counselors and watchmen to post themselves on the wall.** "*And I set watchmen over you, saying, 'Listen to the sound of the trumpet!' But they said, 'We will not listen.'*" Jeremiah 6:17 "*On your walls, O Jerusalem, I have appointed watchmen; all day and all night they will never keep silent. You who remind the Lord, take no rest for yourselves.*" Isaiah 62:6. "*Son of man, I have appointed you a watchman to the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from My mouth, warn them from Me.*" Ezekiel 3:17.

The Word has already gone out of God's mouth. I hope this study will show you that His Word is still for today, and we are to keep His Sabbath. It is a warning. If you want to disobey, you know the consequences. Are you going to let the enemy abolish God's Law out of your heart or are you going to let God write his Law on your mind and heart?

Ephesians 1:17-22 says "*That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which He has called you, what are the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things under His feet and gave Him as head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.*" The Greek word for church is "*ekklesia*." It means "*assembly*." **This means the assembly of believers who FOLLOW Yeshua, not the people who follow the Catholic church.** The church is NOT a religion, a denomination or anything else. It is the people of God who are following Yeshua, living in the fullness of the gospel.

YESHUA (JESUS) IS THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH, AND WE NEED TO BELIEVE HIM AND OBEY HIM.

WE ARE TO RESIST DEMONIC POWERS.

WE CANNOT RESIST THE ENEMY UNLESS YOU ARE WILLING TO STAND FOR TRUTH,

UNLESS YOU ARE WILLING TO BE UNCOMFORTABLE!

RISE UP, WATCHMEN ON THE WALL!

We need to take God's Word seriously. Many believers have been convinced NOT to tell someone if they are going away from God or into wickedness (sin), but God tells us that their blood will be on our hands. Ezekiel 33:6 "*But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet, so that the people are not warned, and the sword comes and takes any one of them, that person is taken away in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at the watchman's hand.*" **I don't want anyone's blood to be on my hands.** Satan has convinced the church to be silent because he wants a silent church. I don't want you to die. I want your voices to be heard! I'm warning you that God's Word is very clear. **Many Christians are being taken away into iniquity. Begin to obey God and tell others to do so.**

Ephesians 6:12 *“For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.”* **The church is supposed to be wrestling against rulers, authorities, cosmic powers over this present darkness, spiritual forces of evil, but we’re not wrestling. We’re sitting on the couch doing nothing! We’re watching our TVs, we’re on our iphones, tablets and electronic devices. We should be studying the Word of God, wrestling the enemy and wrestling with the Word of God. We should doing exactly what Yeshua told us to do, to love God with all of our hearts, love our neighbors as ourselves and do the commands of the gospel commission.**

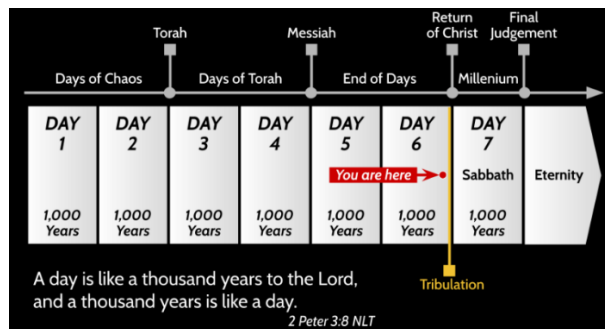
In **Revelation 2-3**, Yeshua writes to the assemblies (churches) that are getting ready to go through the tribulation. Of Philadelphia. He says in **Chapter 3:8** *“You have kept My word and have not denied My name.”* In **verse 10** He says, *“Because you have kept My word about patient endurance, I will keep **you** from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world, to try those who dwell on the earth.”* **Yeshua (Jesus) said this to ONE church, the church of Philadelphia.** The assembly of Philadelphia will be kept from the hour of trial that is coming on the entire world. No other assembly will be kept from it.

Most Christians have believed in a God who’s all about grace, who doesn’t discipline or chastise His people, or punish those who continue in sin. They are deceived into thinking God’s grace will be for them when they disobey Him and violate the covenant. When we make God in our own image, it’s idolatry. We’ve compromised, following the doctrines of men. We’ve compromised, allowing false teaching in the church, and more false teaching has come in. God doesn’t compromise. He doesn’t validate men’s opinions.. **We can take territory away from the enemy if we will not compromise. Captives can be liberated, and those who are in bondage can be set free! There will be supernatural break through if we obey God’s laws!**

IF WE’RE GOING TO BE FAITHFUL TO GOD AND TO YESHUA, WE CAN’T COMPROMISE.

SECTION 11: THE SABBATH POINTS US TO GOD'S PLAN FOR THE AGES:

THE ENEMY DOES THE OPPOSITE OF GOD. God's plan is 6-1 (six days of work and one day of rest/no work/a holy convocation), so Satan's developed a counterfeit plan which is 1-6 (one day of a holy convocation mixed with anything else and 6 days of work). The Sabbath points us to God's plan for the ages: 6-1: Six millenniums of the present age (6,000 years), 1 millennium of the next age (the 1,000-year Millennium), and then the new heavens and the new earth (eternity)!



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God defines time. We will rest in the Millennial Kingdom, on the millennial Sabbath, the 7th day! Our working will end, and we will experience the covenant of peace that God promised us during the Millennial Kingdom (**Isaiah 54**). believe Yeshua did many of His miracles on the Sabbath to point us to the Millennial Sabbath where one of the greatest miracles will happen—we will be delivered from our mortal bodies of flesh and receive glorified eternal bodies!!!! **The Sabbath (the 7th day) defines the week, because the week ends on the Sabbath just as our week here on the earth will come to an end. The week is defined by the Sabbath rest. Satan wants to destroy God's calendar and he doesn't want you to know God's plan for the age or experience the peace of the Millennial Kingdoms.** This is why he's set up a counterfeit week and Sabbath. We can't receive our ultimate deliverance on the 1st day. If so, we would not need an entire week of time. We wouldn't need 7 millenniums. We would just need one day! But that's not how God's calendar works. It's a 7-day calendar. If you don't know God's plan for the ages, Satan can trick you. Satan tries to divert people so they no longer defend the Bible, and many people have been diverted from the truth of the Sabbath.

SATAN HAS ALWAYS ATTACKED GOD'S LAW AND HIS CALENDAR.

The enemy's schemes include convincing you that if it's in the Old Testament, you don't have to pay attention to it, you don't have to do it. We need to understand our enemy and learn how to fight.

Psalm 25:4-5 says "Show me Your ways, Lord, teach me Your paths. Guide me in Your truth and teach me, for You are God my Savior, and my hope is in You all day long." **It's not about us, it's about God.** Let's soften our hearts to His truths. We should not fear that the church won't have enough members or money or control or influence or status. We shouldn't fear that we won't have a fellowship. We shouldn't fear losing our jobs. **We should fear God only and obey Him!** Let's humble ourselves before the Lord and ask Him to show us HIS ways, to teach us. **Verses 9-10** say "He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them His way. All the ways of the Lord are loving and faithful toward those who KEEP THE DEMANDS OF HIS COVENANT." The Sabbath is a loving and faithful gift. Did you know that being in covenant relationship with God requires you to keep the commands of His covenant? Do you believe that all His ways are loving and faithful toward us? Are you letting Him write His laws on your mind and in your heart? Are you keeping the command of His covenant? Don't reject knowledge. Repent and return to God's ways.

How is sin defined?

1 John 3:4 says, "Sin is the transgression of the Law."

Romans 3:20 says, "By the Law is the knowledge of sin."

Romans 7:7 says, "I had not known sin, but by the Law."

The Law shows us what sin is. If we're doing the opposite of the Law, we're sinning. Do you see how Sunday is the opposite of the Sabbath? Sin is defined as transgression of the Law. What Law? God's Law. The one He is trying to write on our minds and in our hearts as New Covenant believers. **Are you allowing the Law to be written in your mind and heart, or are you hardening your heart? Are you resisting God or His will?**

Most pastors teach that the transgression of 9 commandments is sin, but they don't teach that transgression of the 4th commandment is sin. They think they will stand before God, sinless and righteous. But this isn't what God's Word says. They will be without excuse. They will not be able stand in front of Yeshua and justify their sin. He will tell them that He never knew them and tell them to depart. **This is terrible thing!** Do you want to have to depart from Yeshua's

presence? Do you want to hear Him tell you He never knew you? This would be heartbreaking! In **Ecclesiastes 12:13**, Solomon said, *“Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the entire duty of man.”* **THAT’S POWERFUL!** His conclusion, after he gave all of his wisdom, is that we should fear God and KEEP His commandments.

What is truth? Psalm 119:42 tells us: *“Thy Law is the truth.”* In **Deuteronomy 4:40**, Moses said, *“You shall therefore keep His statutes and His commandments, which I command you today, that it may go well with you and with your children after you, and that you may prolong your days in the land which the LORD your God is giving you for all time”.* Do you want to have a long abundant life? Then keep God’s commandments! God wants it to go well with us because He loves us! His Law is a Law of love.

Paul taught about several laws in Romans:

- 1) **The Law of God** - Paul said in **Romans 7**, *“I delight in **the Law of God** in my inner being.”* In **Romans 8:7** he says, *“For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to **God’s Law**; indeed, it cannot.”* He said a mind that is fleshly (not walking in the Spirit) doesn’t submit to God’s Law. It cannot. So, if we walk in the Spirit we can submit to God’s Law because we’re not hostile to God.
- 2) **The law of sin (Romans 7:23-25)** – *“but I see in my members **another law** (not God’s Law) waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to **the law of sin** that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, **I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.”***
- 3) **The law of sin and death (Romans 8:2)** – *“For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the **law of sin and death.**”* The law of sin and death is not the Law of God. We know because of what he says! This is the same law as the law of sin. He’s teaching us that the result of sin is death.
- 4) **The law of the Spirit of life (Romans 8:2)**. This is how the Holy Spirit guides us to choose holiness and sin. He is the one who writes God’s laws on our minds and in our hearts. If Yeshua told the rich young ruler that keeping the commandments would result in eternal life for him in Matthew 19:17, why would the Law of the Spirit be a different Law than the Law of God. Are not God the Father, the Holy Spirit and the Son ONE? If God gave the Law and Yeshua kept the Law, would not the Holy Spirit give the same Law? Yes. The verses that teach us what the New Covenant is say this!
- 5) **The law of faith (Romans 3:27-31) which is justification.** *“Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by **the law of faith.** For we hold that one is **justified** by faith **apart** from works of the law. Or is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also, since God is one—who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith. **Do we then overthrow the Law by this faith? By no means! On the contrary, we uphold the Law.**”* Paul was talking to the Jews who believed in Messiah. He didn’t want them to be prideful and think they could justify themselves. He was saying that we are **justified by faith**, and not by the law. The law was never intended to justify. **The purpose of the Law was knowledge of sin. It is to teach us how to live holy, righteous lives and it is to sanctify us.** Let’s look at the meaning of some of the words in these verses. First, let’s look at the word overthrow (make void). It’s the Greek word *“katargeo.”* It means *“to render idle, unemployed, inactivate, inoperative to cause a person or thing to have no further efficiency, to deprive of force, influence, power, to cause to cease, put an end to do away with, annul, abolish, to cease, to pass away, be done away, to be severed from, separated from, discharged from, loosed from any one, to terminate all intercourse with one.”* Paul is saying that we **DON’T** render the Law idle, inactivated, we don’t deprive it of its influence and power, we don’t cause it to cease, we don’t put an end to it, we don’t do away with it, we don’t annul it, abolish it, cease keeping it, loose it, terminate it! But what most believers have done is separate from it, deprive it of its force and terminate it. They have caused the commandments to cease. They have annulled God’s Law, which means they have annulled the covenant! Now let’s look at the word for *“uphold”* (some translations say *“establish”*). The Greek word is *“histemi,”* and it means *“to cause or make to stand, to place, put, set (in the presence of, the midst of or the presence of others), to make firm, fix or establish, to set in place, to stand, continue, be of steadfast mind, no hesitating or not wavering.”* So Paul said that with faith, we make the Law stand, we place it, put it set it in our hearts and lives, we make it firm, we set it in place, continue in it without hesitation! Does this sound like what the church has taught? No! So, I have a question for you. Is the Sabbath part of the Law? Then why have most Christians rendered it idle?

FAITH DOESN’T MEAN THE LAW HAS BEEN OVERTHROWN!

IF WE HAVE FAITH IN YESHUA, WE HAVE FAITH IN GOD AND WE HAVE FAITH IN HIS COMMANDMENTS!

If we uphold the Law, we keep it. We keep ALL of it because it teaches us how to be righteous and holy. Christ had to die because we broke the covenant, the Law. **How much have we twisted the Scriptures to our own destruction? How much have we NOT taught God’s Word, but the thoughts of our own hearts, our rebellious, disobedient hearts?**

Yeshua (Jesus), our husband, came to seal the covenant and give us the Holy Spirit that we would obey. He said in **Jeremiah 34:13** and it’s repeated in **Hebrews 8:9**, *“It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because **they broke my covenant**, though I was a husband to them,” declares the LORD.”* The law of faith says that if we believe AND obey (Sh’ma), we will be saved. Faith without works is

not faith. It's dead. Our works don't save us. They didn't save Israel, and they won't save us. However, if Israel would've done the works God commanded them to do, they would have received the covenant promises and inherited the land and stayed in it eternally with God's blessings. Instead, they tested the Messiah, their husband, because they disobeyed and rebelled against God. **They proved they didn't have faith because they didn't believe and obey.** Paul says they were broken off so the Gentiles could be grafted in, but **he also said that if the Gentiles didn't continue in God's kindness (obeying him), they would be broken off also.** He said God was severe to those who fell. He said if the root was holy, the branches were also holy. Paul was teaching that we SHOULD keep the commandments. You can study this in **Romans 11.**

Deuteronomy 4:2 says, *"You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you."* If you take from the commandments, you take from the Word of God. And, if you add to the commandments, you aren't keeping the commandments either. Doing either one of these things means you break the Law and violate the covenant. **And if you believe the Word of God doesn't change, you will believe this verse.** **Deuteronomy 12:32** says *"Everything that I command you, you shall be careful to do. You shall not add to it or take from it."* If we are God's people, we will not add anything to His Word or remove anything from it.

Yeshua said in **Matthew 5:18**, *"Til heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no way pass from the law, til all be fulfilled."* **Heaven and earth haven't passed away, all hasn't been fulfilled. It won't be until Revelation 21.** **Psalm 89:34** says, *"My covenant I will not break, nor alter the Word that has gone out of my lips."* **God will not break His covenant or alter His word. This is His grace! We should not break his covenant or alter His Word. We should keep the 10 commandments. He gives us grace to learn the commandments and walk in them! Revelation 14:2** says, *"Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Yeshua."* **Isaiah 40:8** says, *"The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God stands forever."* **Matthew 24: 35** says *"Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away."* **1 Peter 1:25** says *"But the Word of the Lord endures forever. Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you."* **Yeshua was the Word made flesh. He didn't do away with any part of God's Law. He made it possible for Jews and Gentiles to become spiritual Israelites and become God's covenant people.** Peter writes *"For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps: Who committed no sin, Nor was deceit found in His mouth"* **1 Peter 2:21-22.** Christ committed no sin. He did not break the Sabbath. We should follow His example.

**NOWHERE IN THE NEW TESTAMENT, AFTER THE DEATH OF YESHUA, DID PAUL, OR ANY OTHER CHRISTIAN, BREAK THE SABBATH DAY, OR TEACH OTHERS TO DO SO.
NOWHERE DOES IT SAY THAT WE CAN COMMIT SIN, BREAK THE 10 COMMANDMENTS, AND BE SAVED.**

James 2:21-23: *"Was not our ancestor Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did. And the scripture was fulfilled that says, 'Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness' and he was called God's friend."* Paul said *"For to this end I also wrote that I might put you to the test, whether you are obedient in all things"* **2 Corinthians 2:9.** This just shows us that Paul didn't teach against God's Law. In fact, Paul took a Nazarite vow in **Acts 21** to prove he wasn't teaching against the Law.

THE 10 COMMANDMENTS ARE STILL VALID TODAY. The ten commandments were written by God's finger and were given to the Israelites. Paul tells us that as the body of Messiah, we are Israel. We are the commonwealth of Israel (**Ephesians 2:12**), the wild olive tree grafted into the cultivated olive tree (**Romans 11**), the Israel of God (**Galatians 6:16**), we are now the circumcision not made with human hands (**Colossians 2:11**), and Abraham's offspring and heirs to the covenants and promises (**Galatians 3:29**). God chose Israel from all the people on earth for His own special possession to be a holy nation (**Deuteronomy 7:6, 14:2, Isaiah 43:1**) and He established His covenant with them. He established the New Covenant with them also, and we get to come in by faith and become Israel, God's chosen people, set apart, a royal priesthood, a holy nation (**1 Peter 2:9**).

THE DAY DOES MATTER. GOD COMMANDS US TO KEEP THE SABBATH DAY HOLY. "REMEMBER." He begins His commandment with this. **God didn't bless and sanctify the first day, the second, or any other day.** **Mark 2:27** says that the Sabbath was made for mankind.

**THE GIFT OF THE SABBATH IS AVAILABLE TO YOU.
WHO WILL YOU FOLLOW: THE COMMANDMENTS AND TRADITIONS OF MEN OR THE COMMANDMENTS OF GOD?
WE ARE CALLED TO SEE SIN AS GOD SEES IT, BUT MANY OF US ARE SEEING SIN AS THE WORLD SEES IT.**

How do we know what is the right thing? God has given us His definition of what is the right thing. Where did He give it to us? **In the Law.** The Law or Torah is called the *"Instructions in Righteousness"*. It teaches us the right thing to do. It defines what is *holy vs. what is unholy.* God's intention was that all the families of the earth would be blessed by it.

The true service and worship is walking according His commandments, not according to man, and not according to theological seminaries. If we teach that God's commandments have changed, or they don't have to be kept, we are bearing false testimony about God and His commandments.

In **Matthew 15:7-9**, Yeshua said *"Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying: 'These people draw near to Me with their mouth, and honor Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me. And in vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.'" Sunday as the Sabbath is a doctrine of man. It is the commandment of man. Instead of following men and submitting to the authority the Catholic church, submit to the Lord. Don't obey the commandments of men.*

Yeshua is my King, my Master. I will obey Him, not man. I will obey Scripture, not tradition. I pray that pastors and Christians will speak the truth even if it means confrontation. I pray that they won't succumb to pressure, but will speak the word of God boldly.

1 John 3:4 says, *"Whosoever commits sin transgresses also the law; for sin is the transgression of the law."* **The 4th commandment is the law. And if you say it's not, you're a liar.** We must keep the commandments of God. **Psalm 119:142** says *"Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and Thy law is the truth."* **So, if God says His Law is the truth, we should believe Him!**

John 3:21 says *"But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deed may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God."* **God wanted faith AND obedience from the Israelites of old and He wants that from us.** In these last days, many preachers are ignorant of the truth. I believe they love the Lord, but they have been taught false doctrines in seminaries. They are merely repeating the traditions of men. We need to break out of this. We need to help them.

Mark 7:13 says *"Making the word of God of no effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered, and many such like things you do."* The same thing goes on today. We know that the Messiah is the Word, the gospel, the whole word, all of it, including the Torah. **Yeshua was sinless. He kept the Sabbath.**

Isaiah 8:20 says *"To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them."* Testimony means *"witness, record, report, attestation, confirmation."* The Hebrew word for testimony is *"teuda"* and it means *"attestation."* **There is no light in Sunday as the Lord's day. It is the law of man.**

James 1:25 says *"But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he bring not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed."* **James calls God's Law the Law of Liberty! It is freedom!**

Psalm 119:44-45 says *"So shall I keep thy law continually for ever and ever. And I will walk at liberty; for I seek thy precepts."* **The Law is meant for liberty, not for bondage.**

In **Matthew 22:40** Yeshua said, *"On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."* **It doesn't say "put away" all the law and the prophets.** The Greek word is *"kremannymi,"* which means *"to hang up, suspend, to be suspended, is summed up or hanging on two precepts."* **The 10 commandments are summed up on two precepts, love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind, and love your neighbor as yourself. The first 4 commandments tell us about how to love God, and the last 6 tell us about how to love our neighbor as ourselves.**

Deuteronomy 30:9-10 says, *"For the Lord will again rejoice over you for good as He rejoiced over our fathers, IF you obey the voice of the Lord your God, to keep His commandments and His statutes which are written in this Book of the Law, and IF you turn to the Lord your God, with all our heart and with all your soul."* God was prophesying about people in the last days who would turn back to God from their error. He's equating obeying Him and keeping His commandments with turning to Him with all of our hearts and souls. This is happening right now. There is a move of the Holy Spirit and He's causing us to obey God's statutes and rules (Ezekiel 36:27 and Ezekiel 11:19-20). God is *"putting His Law in our minds and writing it in on our hearts"* **Jeremiah 31:33. This is a wonderful thing!**

James 2:14-26 says *"What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him? If a brother of sister is naked and destitute of daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Depart in peace, be warmed and filled,' but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit? Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. But someone will say, 'You have faith, and I have works.' Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe and tremble! But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead? Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered Isaac his son on the altar? Do you see that faith was working TOGETHER with his works, and by WORKS FAITH WAS MADE PERFECT? And the Scriptures was fulfilled which says, 'Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.' And he was called the friend of God. You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only. Likewise. Was not Rahab the harlot also justified by*

works when she received the messengers and sent them out another way? For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also." James is defining what it means that Abraham believed God and it was imputed to him as righteousness. **I want to be called the friend of God and I want that for you also.**

1 John 4:1 says "Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but **test the spirits** to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world."

Would the Holy Spirit teach us:

That the commandments of God have been done away with?
To follow or obey the authority of the Catholic church?
To keep another day holy, and not the day that God says is holy?
To walk in the counsel of the ungodly?
That Yeshua (Jesus) taught against keeping the Law?

That God's word has changed?
That God's Law isn't holy or truth?
To transgress the Law?
To walk in darkness?
That God and his laws aren't good?

**WOULD HE TEACH US SOMETHING DIFFERENT IN THE NEW TESTAMENT THAN WHAT WAS IN THE OLD TESTAMENT?
WE NEED TO TEST THE SPIRIT OF SUNDAY-it is the spirit of antichrist. Sunday is against God and Christ.**

John 8:31-32 "If you obey my teaching, you are really my disciples, you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." I believe the church will be free when we obey His teaching. We will walk in the power of the Holy Spirit that the disciples walked in. But we have to stop resisting Him. We have to seek God with ALL of our hearts. Many pastors won't sit down and study this. Why? They're no different than the Pharisees at the time of Yeshua. They thought they knew the scriptures, but they had added onto the Word of God with rabbinic traditions and they were prideful. Today we've taken away from God's Word and added Catholic traditions, and many pastors and teachers want to keep these traditions of men (Sunday, Easter, Christmas) and make void the Law of God. **They throw God's Law behind their backs.** They are just as guilty as the Pharisees were. People spend a lot of time trying to explain away (justify, make excuses for sin) the reason God's Word has been done away with instead of obeying it. **We are supposed to study the Bible together as a body to find truth, not to position ourselves better than others, and we're supposed to take the Bible as the ultimate authority and truth.**

You have to determine what you believe. Do you believe God's Word is the ultimate authority and truth? Do you believe God? Do you believe God's character is perfect? Do you believe His Word is perfect? Do you believe His Law is His Word and is perfect? Do you believe you're supposed to obey His teachings? Do you believe you're supposed to be a doer of the Word and not a hearer only? Do you believe you're supposed to apply the Scripture to your life? Do you let the Word influence every decision? Do you believe you can add or take away from the Father's perfect Word? Have you made Yeshua (Jesus) the King of your heart?

Do you believe God or do you believe the enemy? This really what you have to decide. The Scripture has been laid out and shows us what the Sabbath is. You have to decide if you believe God or you don't. If you believe God, you will do what He says. And if you deny Messiah and His teachings, you have denied your salvation. **If this offends you, please ask yourself why.** Yeshua said "**If you believed Moses, you would believe Me, for he wrote of Me. But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?**" (John 5:46-47) **Do you believe Moses? Do you study Moses or do you believe the writings of Moses have been done away with? Isn't the Torah (Moses' writings) the Word of God? Do you know that the things Moses wrote point to Yeshua and help us understand Him more? If we don't believe Moses, we won't believe Yeshua's words just as Yeshua Himself said.** We won't believe He came teach us Torah. We won't understand what He came to do.

The basis for God's Law is love. His Law applies to all people over all times. It is timeless. It is the royal Law of His eternal Kingdom and it's an eternal covenant. Why would anyone want to do away with God's Law, because His Law is love? We have an enemy who wants to do away with God's Law. In 2 Timothy 2, Paul is writing to Timothy about a worker approved by God. He says "**correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth, and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will.**" This is what I want for each person who reads this study. **I want to be a worker approved by God. I have written this study to lead people to knowledge of the truth so they escape from the snare of the devil. I want you to come to your senses, know the truth and be set free! I was deceived for a long time, but God led me to this truth. I pray the church can come to its senses and escape from the snare of the devil!**

2 Timothy 3:14-15 says "You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the SACRED WRITINGS (at that time, they had only the OT scrolls, which were the sacred writings) which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Yeshua." **So, he's saying that that Old Testament gives people wisdom that leads to salvation through faith! Isaiah 55:11** says, "so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it." Father, let Your

Word implant in the people's hearts! God's Word will not return to Him void, and it will accomplish that which He purposes.

**GOD WILL ACCOMPLISH BRINGING HIS SABBATH AND HIS COMMANDMENTS BACK TO US.
HIS WORD WILL SUCCEED.
WILL YOU LET HIS WORD SPEAK TO YOUR HEART?**

1 Peter 2:6-8 says *"Behold, I lay in Zion a chief cornerstone, elect, precious, and he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame. Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious; but to those who are disobedient, 'The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone,' and 'a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense.' They stumble, being **disobedient to the Word**, to which they also were appointed."*

Joel Richardson says *"sometimes we hear things and we are sure we know what it means. But then, when we do a little more research, we find out it actually means something very different than what we assumed. **The call on the church today is to be good Bereans, students of the SCRIPTURES.** Most Christians today are very good students of their teachers. Very few are faithful Bereans, which is to say, good students of the SCRIPTURES. We need to be good students of the scriptures. We need to allow the scriptures to speak for themselves and when they conflict with popular Christian tradition, , **no matter how many times we've heard it preached, no matter how many times we've heard great preachers that we love and admire teach these things, we have to settle and resolve in our hearts to accept what the scriptures say. When the scriptures conflict with what teachers say, we need to be faithful to the scriptures. It's very simple.**"* It that simple. Scripture says that the Sabbath, the 7th day, is God's set apart holy day, that we're to keep it, and that it's an eternal sign that we're in covenant with Him.

I would encourage you to meditate on Ps 119. David writes about the Torah-God's laws, His testimonies, His commandments, His statutes, His precepts, and His judgments. We are to seek Him with our whole heart! David says, *"let me not wander from Your commandments."* Verses 1-8 says *"How happy are those whose way of life is **blameless, who live by the Torah of Adonai!** How happy are those who **observe his instruction, who seek him wholeheartedly!** They do nothing wrong but live by his ways. You laid down your precepts for us to observe with care. May my ways be steady in observing your laws. Then I will not be put to shame since I will have fixed my sight on **all your mitzvot (commandments).** I thank you with a sincere heart as I learn your **righteous rulings. I will observe your laws.**"* David says that the ones who are blameless live by the Torah. That they're happy. That they are seeking God wholeheartedly. They don't do anything wrong. We're supposed to observe His precepts with care and be steady in observing His laws. They are righteous rulings. David observed them. However, people will teach that we can't observe them. They have been deceived. He says, *"Your testimonies are my delight and my counselors."*

Verse 36 says, *"My eyes shed streams of tears because people do not keep Your law."* I am so sorrowful that most believers aren't keeping His law. I believe God wants us to keep His Sabbath and His feasts.

Verses 44-45 say *"So I will keep Your law continually, forever, and ever. And I will walk at liberty, for I seek Your precepts."* Are we seeking God's precepts? Obeying His precepts brings freedom.

Verse 129 says, *"Your testimonies are wonderful; therefore my soul keeps them."* David meant his being kept them. In verse 135 he says, *"Make Your face shine upon Your servant and teach me your statutes."* Can you ask God to teach you His statutes? Is He willing? Are you willing to learn?

Verse 144 says *"Your testimonies are righteous forever; give me understanding that I may live."* This is a great prayer. David says God's testimonies are righteous FOREVER! This study was meant to show you that God's testimonies are forever and His Sabbath is forever. Do you believe God's Word?

**THE SABBATH IS A TESTIMONY TO GOD'S WAYS, HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS,
HIS UNDERSTANDING, HIS MERCY, AND HIS LOVE.
WE CAN'T BE HOLY IF WE'RE NOT OBEYING GOD'S COMMANDMENTS.
WE CAN'T CHANGE GOD'S COMMANDMENTS.**

If we're obeying Him, we're keeping the Sabbath, Feasts, and the commandments. If we're disobeying Him, we aren't keeping them. **It's HIS LAW. IT HASN'T CHANGED.** If it did change, God would be lying. **And that's exactly what the enemy wants you to think—that God has changed! God doesn't lie. The enemy is the liar. God's Word doesn't change!** He wants us to worship Him in Spirit and in truth!

**WE CAN'T KEEP ANY DAY. THIS IS A LIE!
SATAN HAS REPACKAGED THE SABBATH AND SOLD IT AS SUNDAY. IT'S A COUNTERFEIT.
WE MUST OBEY GOD AND HIS WORD.
HIS COMMANDMENTS AREN'T BURDENSOME!**

DO YOU BELIEVE GOD'S WORD?

In the story of Nehemiah, we learned that in a short time, **people can give attention to the reading and application of God's Law.** We have a brief time left. Yeshua is coming soon and we want to stand before Him and hear Him say *"well done, good and faithful servant."* **The people in Nehemiah's day did it. Will the people of this day?**

**WE HAVE WANDERED FROM GOD'S COMMANDMENTS.
WILL YOU DISOBEY GOD AND OBEY MAN OR WILL YOU OBEY GOD AND DISOBEY MAN?**

I WILL OBEY HIM AND BE LIKE NEHEMIAH. I want to teach God's laws to the nations! I believe God wants all of us to be like Nehemiah. **Nehemiah 9:26-27** says, *"Yet they disobeyed and rebelled against you, throwing your Torah behind their backs. They killed your prophets for warning them that they should return to you and committed other gross provocations. So you handed them over to the power of their adversaries, who oppressed them. Yet in the time of their trouble, when they cried out to you, you heard from heaven, and in keeping with your great compassion, you gave them saviors to save them from the power of their adversaries. So you left them in the power of their enemies, who came down hard on them. Yet when they returned and cried out to you, you heard from heaven many times and saved them, according to your compassion. You warned them, in order to bring them back to your Torah, yet they were arrogant. They paid no attention to your mitzvot (commandments) but sinned against your rulings, which in a person does them, he will have life through them."* Why did God warn Israel? Because He wanted to bring them back to Torah! But the people were arrogant. They thought they knew better. They didn't pay attention to them, so they were cursed and they died. Nehemiah says that when a person does God's commandments, he will have life.

**YESHUA IS COMING FOR A PURE BRIDE!! I WANT US TO BE PURE!
RETURN TO THE COVENANT!**

Thank God for His love for us that He gave us His commandments and His Sabbath. He reveals His character, His love, and His holiness through His commandments and His Sabbath!!! Every day is a sanctification process. Every day is a learning process. We should have reverence for a holy God, and awe for His Law (Torah-instructions).

Hebrews 12:25-29 says, *"See that you do not refuse him who is speaking. For if they did not escape when they refused Him who warned them on earth, much less will we escape if we reject him who warns from heaven. At that time, his voice shook the earth, but now He has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of things that are shaken—that is, things that have been made—in order that the things that cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God **acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire.**"* God will shake everything that is not built on the foundation of Yeshua. It's already happening, and it will happen more and more until the end of the age. Sabbath is acceptable worship. Sunday is not.

**THIS IS AN URGENT WARNING!
RETURN TO HIS SABBATH, FEASTS AND COMMANDMENTS!
HE IS GOING TO SHAKE THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH. HE'S SHAKING THE CHURCH.
ALMOST 2 BILLION CHRISTIANS WORSHIP ON SUNDAY TODAY.
JUST BECAUSE THE MAJORITY IS DOING IT DOESN'T MEAN THAT'S WHAT GOD WANTS.**

Proverbs 19:16 says, *"He who keeps the commandment keeps his soul, but he who is careless of conduct will die."*

Proverbs 29:18 says, *"Where there is no vision, the people are unrestrained, but happy is he who keeps the Law." God gives happiness to those who keep His commandments.*

Exodus 15:26 says *"If you will give earnest heed to the voice of the Lord your God, and do what is right in His sight, and give ear to His commandments, and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have put on the Egyptians; for I, the Lord, am your healer." God said this to Israel, however; it is still true today. God gives health to those who keep His commandments.*

Ezekiel 18:19 says *"Yet you say, 'Why should the son not bear the punishment for the father's iniquity?' When the son has practiced justice and righteousness and has observed all My statutes and done them, he shall surely live." If we will practice justice and righteousness and observe God's statutes and do them, we will live. I don't think we should continue in our forefathers' iniquity. It will produce death. God provides life if we keep His commandments.*

GOD GIVES HAPPINESS, HEALTH, AND LIFE TO THOSE WHO KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS

Repent, return, cry out to God, confess for disobeying His commandments, and come back to His commandments and rulings. Do **2 Chronicles 7:14**. Don't let the enemy have you outside of the will of God. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you His will.

If faithfulness results in action, and action is obeying God, are you being faithful? I pray that you will be led by the Holy Spirit. He will help you. He wants to help you be all that God created you to be. *"But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, He will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you," John 14:26.* Ask Him to show you what the Father's will is and what Yeshua taught. **John 16:13** says *"When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into ALL the truth, for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears he will speak, and He will declare to you the things that are to come."* **The Holy Spirit guides us into all truth.** God's commands us to do *"all that I have said to you."* Just like Yeshua didn't speak on His own authority. *"For I have not spoken on my own authority, but the Father who sent me has Himself given me a commandment—what to say and what to speak."* **John 12:49.**

**HE GAVE YOU THE FREEDOM TO CHOOSE TO OBEY HIM OR REBEL AGAINST HIM.
WHAT WILL YOU CHOOSE?**

**SATAN HAS BLINDED THE JEWS ABOUT YESHUA (salvation)
AND HE HAS BLINDED THE CHURCH ABOUT THE LAW.
HE WANTS TO DIVIDE US AND HE DOESN'T WANT ANY OF US IN THE KINGDOM.**

Does disobedience glorify God? If you break one of His commandments, how is your relationship with Him? What did God say? *"I require obedience rather than sacrifice."* He doesn't want our offerings if we're disobeying Him. **Sunday has NOTHING to do with the commandments of God. He didn't bless Sunday. He didn't command us to remember Sunday or keep it holy, so why are you worshipping Him on that day, breaking His commandment to keep the Sabbath holy?** It is the lawlessness which equals sin. **We're supposed to be a holy priesthood. Can we be holy if we're not keeping His holy, set apart day?** The Sabbath was made for us to keep it holy and remember the Lord. He blessed it and hallowed it. I hope this really implants in your heart.

2,000 years after Yeshua, the church is doing what Yeshua told the Pharisees they were doing: making void the Word of God by our traditions that we have handed down. And many such things we do. The church is keeping the pagan traditions of the Catholic church: Sunday, Christmas, Easter, and more. If you're doing these things, you need to ask yourself why. Are you doing it because of tradition, because that's what you've been taught, or because it's commanded in the Bible? Are you having so much fun doing those things that you don't want to give them up? Are you afraid of being peculiar, set apart? Are you afraid that will be boring? We should learn from the lessons of Israel. **It's God's house and we should worship Him in His order.** The root of all lawlessness (breaking the Law) is rebellion and God said it's like the sin of witchcraft.

Ephesians 5:6-11 says, *Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not become partners with them; for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light, and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them.* Paul is saying that God's wrath will come upon us if we're disobedient. We need to believe God, and not be like Eve who believed the enemy. We don't want to become partakers with the Catholic church or anyone who is in disobedience. Paul tells us that the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true. **Is God right or are you? Is Sunday good, right, and true? We should be discerning what is pleasing to the Lord. Paul uses the word "try."** He was telling the church to make an effort. **Most Christians today don't want to try because they think they already know what pleases the Lord. Does rebellion against Him and breaking His commandments please Him? Then repent and turn back to God and His ways. Follow them. Not the ways of man. Our lifestyles reflect whether or not we are in covenant relationship with God.** We should reflect what He did and what Yeshua did. We should keep His commandments if we're set apart, a priesthood, and a holy nation. Does a holy nation defile God's Sabbath? Are we a priesthood if we don't know the difference between holy and common? Are we a holy nation if we don't even keep His day holy? If we don't keep the Sabbath, we're not even doing the minimum. **We need to humble ourselves before the Lord and repent for disobeying God and not keeping His Sabbath and Feasts.**

We keep the commandments, not to EARN a relationship, but because we HAVE a relationship. James teaches us this.

Father, lift the veils from their faces and the scales off their eyes. Help them to see your word in a new way!

MORE RESOURCES:

<https://www.yumpu.com/en/document/view/20763882/sabbath-and-jeshua-fcca-int>. If you want to do some further research, this website has quotes from early church fathers (Catholic) about the Sabbath, the Lord's day, and worship:

<https://apostles-creed.org/confessional-reformed-christian-theology/ecclesiology/quotes-from-early-church-fathers-on-the-sabbath-and-the-lords-day/>. If you read this, you will have a good understanding of the church fathers and what they thought about the Sabbath.

