

The Holy Sabbath V Sin of Israel: Sunday-Keeping

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We're going to thoroughly cover all the aspects of the Sabbath in the Bible, and men's arguments concerning why they keep Sunday, and so forth. I think that we'll find that the Sabbath is the only day that God has ever sanctified and set aside as a weekly day of worship and rest for Him.

Now let's go back to Jeremiah 7, and let's see that the Israelites were also violating God's laws and commandments by Sunday worship. What do I mean by that? Whenever you read about Baal, Baal is the sun-god, and Ashteroth is the female counterpart, which we have today in the Catholic Church as the virgin Mary. In Babylon it was Semiramis, and of course, all the other names of it, if you get the book, *The Two Babylons* and read that all the names of these gods and deities came out of Babylon; and when the language was changed at the Tower of Babel, the names were changed. But it's still the same old worship.

Let's see something very important here in Jeremiah 7, which is this: The Israelites—just like those people today who claim to be the people of God, who claim to worship God on Sunday, who claim to say that they have license to do this because God has made it possible for them to do so—are using the very same excuses that they used, and Jeremiah confronted them with it. Plus, also it's important to understand that they didn't do this out in the peripheries. They didn't do this secretly in their homes. They did it publicly, at the very temple of God where God said He would put His name. There they worshipped Baal. There they committed all sorts of sacrilegious and idolatrous acts.

Jeremiah 7:1: "The Word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying, 'Stand in the gate of the LORD'S house, and proclaim...' He had to go there and *stand*. Jeremiah was not liked, because he told the Truth; He gave them the Word of God. They didn't like to hear it because it upset their idolatrous and sinful ways of which they had pleasure in; lust like today.

"...and proclaim there this Word, and say, 'Hear the Word of the LORD, all Judah, who enter in at these gates to worship the LORD.'" Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, 'Amend your ways and your doings....'" (vs 2-3). *God always calls for repentance!* And God calls for repentance of Sunday-keepers today, that they change, that they amend their ways; that they quit using the name of God on the first day of the week and saying that that

is the Lord's day, or the Christian Sabbath, because as we have proven it is not so; it is not true. There is no such thing as a 'Christian Sabbath' being the first day of the week. That is the day of the sun. That is the day of the sun-god.

And He says, "...and I will cause you to dwell in this place. Do not trust in lying words ..." (vs 3-4). Isn't that what people are trusting in today, lying arguments? How many times did we see that *they know!* The religious leaders *know* and they *understand* that the Sabbath is the seventh day of the week and not the first day of the week. The Catholics know it, the Protestants know it, everyone knows it, but yet they want to trust in their lying words, because the human heart is 'deceitful above all things and desperately wicked.' They want to have pleasure in their sin. And they want to do it right in the temple of God. They want to come right before God, and stick their thumb right up before God.

"...saying, 'The temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD are these'" (v 4). Meaning that if we do it for God, everything is fine. Listen! *God never sanctions sin!* And 'sin is the transgression of the Law.' God will never be honored by lies. God will never be honored by sin.

Verse 5: "For if you thoroughly amend your ways and your doings... [quit your Sunday-keeping, your Easter-keeping, your Christmas-keeping, and you cast it away from you, and repent and amend your ways] ...if you thoroughly execute judgment between a man and his neighbor; *if* you do not oppress the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, and do not shed innocent blood in this place, nor walk after other gods to your hurt..." (vs 5-6).

God gave the Sabbath as His commandment *in love* so that the people of God would always have that direct connection between God and themselves. So, when you do something that's contrary to the laws and commandments of God, which is the will of God, it's only to your hurt. Because it's sin; and *the wages of sin is death* (Rom. 6:23).

Verse 7: "Then I will cause you to dwell in this place, in the land that I gave to your fathers, forever and ever." That is going to be true of the United States of America, of Canada, Australia and New Zealand. That if the people of God would change and repent they could dwell in the land; but since they probably won't, then God is going to raise

up the stranger within. And the silent invasion that has been taking place will overwhelm us and overtake us, and then we will be invaded by foreign troops and carried off into captivity, just exactly like the Israelites were, because they were carried off into captivity because of Sabbath-breaking. We've already seen that. But we'll see it reaffirmed here.

Verse 8: "Behold, you trust in lying words that cannot profit." And concerning the Sabbath Day vs Sunday, the lying words that cannot profit are these:

- Everything that was on the seventh day has now been transferred to the first day. **Those are lying words!**
- In the New Covenant, now we have the first day of the week, and that is the Sabbath. **Those are lying words!**
- Oh well. Christmas and Easter, oh, they're so wonderful and fine, and it's for the children anyway; that's pleasing human beings. **Those are lying words!**

Verse 9: "Will you steal... [they steal God's name] ...murder... [because you continuously sacrifice Christ, or crucify Him over and over again by living in sin] ...and commit adultery... [physically and spiritually]..." Will you commit adultery with the great whore (Rev. 17) that is going to amalgamate and bring all the religions of the world together under the hegemony of the pope?

"...and swear falsely, and burn incense to Baal, and walk after other gods whom you do not know... [they don't even know and understand that] ...and then come and stand before Me in this house which is called by My name, and say, 'We are delivered to do all these abominations?'" (vs 9-10). That's *exactly* the phraseology that people have today concerning Sunday and Sunday-keeping: 'We have been delivered from the Law so that we can do these things.' And they're an abomination before God because it's sun-worship.

Verse 11: "'Has this house, which is called by My name, become a den of robbers in your eyes? Behold, even I have seen it,' says the LORD. 'But now go to My place which *was* in Shiloh, where I set My name at the first, and see what I did to it for **the wickedness** of My people Israel.... [going after other gods, and other gods always involve Sunday-worship] ...And now because you have done all these works,' says the LORD, 'and I spoke to you, rising up early and speaking, but you did not hear; and I called you, but you did not answer. Therefore, I will do to *this* house, which is called by My name, in which you trust, and to the place which I gave to you and to your fathers, as I have done to Shiloh. And I will cast you out of My sight, as I have cast

out all your brethren, the whole seed of Ephraim. Therefore..." (vs. 11-16).

There comes a time when God says He's had enough. Enough is enough! And that's what is going to happen with Sunday-worship today. Because the Protestants failed to bring the Reformation all the way to the Sabbath, *they are going back to Rome!* They are going back to the abomination of Rome, which is Babylon the Great. Only this time it's going to bring all the religions into it. And when that happens and God gives them over to believing a lie through great delusion, then will be brought to pass:

Verse 16: "Therefore, do not pray for this people, nor lift up cry nor prayer for them, nor make intercession to Me; for **I will not hear you**.... [that day is going to come for us in this last time] (it defines what they're doing): ...Do you not see what they do in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem?... [right there where God's name is] ...The children gather wood, and the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead dough, to make cakes to the queen of heaven..." (vs 16-18).

If you're going back to Rome, you're going right back to the queen of heaven worship under the guise supposedly of the virgin Mary:

- That is idolatry!
- That is sin!
- That is against the Word of God!
 - ✓ because you refuse to keep the Word of God
 - ✓ because you refuse to keep the Sabbath
 - ✓ because you refuse to keep the Holy Days of God
 - ✓ because you refuse to do what is right in God's sight

Oh, you want to take His name. You want to say, 'we'll keep nine of the commandments.' But God didn't say nine is enough. 'We'll keep eight of the commandments. We'll just make our own standard.' **No!**

"...and to pour out drink offerings to other gods, that they may provoke Me to anger. Do they provoke Me to anger?' says the LORD. 'Do they not provoke themselves, to the confusion of their own faces?'" (vs 18-19). Isn't that true? Who knows in the realm of religion today, what is right? What is wrong? What is Truth? What is error? We all now have to get along and go along, and do not speak evil of anything or anyone. Then all of the abominable false doctrines can come pouring in.

"Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD, 'Behold, My anger and My fury shall be poured out

on this place, on man, and on beast, and on the trees of the field, and on the fruit of the ground; and it shall burn, and shall not be put out.” (vs 20). Did that happen? *Yes!* It happened twice:

1. the Babylonian captivity and the captivity with the fall of Jerusalem in 70_{A.D.}
2. the extension of that carried on to the Bar-Kokhba Revolution which ended in 135_{A.D.}

Were they scattered to the four winds? Were they rejected of God? Were they cursed? *Yes!* Why would anyone want to persist in their own way and their own lives, and to bring a curse upon themselves?

- To be in such a condition that God will not hear your prayers?
- To be in such a condition that you love the abominations which God hates?
- To be in such a condition that you don't care, and just say, 'Well, God is going to bring it. Let Him bring it.'

This is what you're actually doing

- when you reject the Word of God, which is the Truth of God
- when you reject the true Jesus Christ for the false Jesus, the false Messiah
- when you reject the Sabbath for Sunday
- when you reject the Holy Days for Christmas and Easter, and the other abominations.

I just read recently that many of the Protestant churches are being brought back to Rome even a little further, by this spring celebrating 40 days of Lent.

Isaiah 28:14: “Therefore, hear the Word of the LORD, you scornful men who rule this people in Jerusalem. Because you have said, ‘We have made a covenant with death, and we have made an agreement...’” (vs 14-15). If you continue in Sunday and the pagan holidays that's exactly what you are into. There's no eternal life in Sunday. There is no eternal life in the pagan holidays. *Eternal life comes through Jesus Christ*, because He died for you and rose again to bring you eternal life. And Jesus said, ‘If you love Me, keep My commandments.’ But if you cling to the lies, if you cling to the false doctrines, if you cling to these things, which are not right, then you have

“...made a covenant unto death and we have made an agreement with the grave; when the overwhelming rod shall pass through, it shall not come to us...” (v 15). In doing that you say, ‘Well, it won't happen to us. Maybe it happened to them back there in the olden days, but it won't happen to us.’ ***It will happen to any people anywhere who reject God!***

“...for we have made lies our refuge, and we have hidden ourselves under falsehood.... [The only way out is through Christ, and here is a prophecy of it]: ...Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD, ‘Behold, I place in Zion a Stone for a foundation, a tried Stone, a precious Cornerstone, a sure Foundation; he who believes shall not be ashamed’” (vs 15-16). That's the way out; *through Christ!*

Now let's come back to Jeremiah 7, and let's see something else. All the way through the book of Jeremiah God talks about:

- obey My voice
- did not obey My voice
- did not listen to Me.

Remember when we started out this series, we went how many times to Gen. 26:5, that Isaac was to receive the blessing because his father Abraham, ***‘Obeyed My voice, kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes, and My laws.’***

Jeremiah 7:21, “Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, ‘Add your burnt offerings to your sacrifices, and eat flesh.... [Who were they sacrificing to? *Baal!* Where were they sacrificing to *Baal?* *Right at the temple of God!* Were these noxious to God? *Yes!*] ...For I did not speak to your fathers, or command them in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, concerning burnt offerings or sacrifices” (vs 21-22)—to the other gods. Surely He spoke to them about His own sacrifices, yes! But these wrong, abominable sacrifices to other gods right in the temple of God is just one of the greatest effronteries that people could ever do to God; and yet

- God kept pleading with them to repent.
- God kept pleading with them to turn from their ways.
- God kept pleading with them to come back to Him.

Verse 23: “But this thing I commanded them, saying, ***‘Obey My voice...’*** That means every word that God has spoken that you read in the Bible which says, *‘Thus says the Lord...’*: Moses, speak to the children of Israel and say, ‘Thus says the Lord: Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it Holy.’ Those are the words of God—aren't they? Did not God speak, as we saw, from the top of Mount Sinai to give the commandments to God to the people of God, which contained the Sabbath Day, the seventh day Sabbath? *Yes!*

“...‘Obey My voice, and I will be your God, and you shall be My people; and walk in all the ways that I have commanded you, so that it may be well with you.’ But they did not obey, nor bow their ear, but walked in *their own* counsels, in the

imagination of their evil heart, and went backward and not forward. Since the day that your fathers came out of the land of Egypt until this day..." (vs 23-25). Did they not, right after Moses went up to the mount after hearing the Ten Commandments and God giving the Ten Commandments, did they not say, 'Where is this man Moses? We don't know where he is.' They came to Aaron and said, 'Aaron, make us gods.' So, Aaron *foolishly* took all of their gold and made a molten calf, which is the symbol of Baal. The molten calf had horns with the round sundisk right in the horns. and the people worshiped that and made merry, saying, 'It's a feast unto the Lord!' *They did it from the very day they came out of Egypt!*

Do we do the same thing today? *Yes we do!* Does not the Catholic priest hold up the wafer, the round wafer, called *the host*, which is a round disk made unto the sun? Is there not over the throne of the pope there in St. Peter's Basilica a great sunburst? *Yes, there are!* And are there not four serpentine pillars going up from the base, clear, way up to the very top of the so-called sanctuary? Serpentine, picturing that Satan is the god that's holding up that? *Yes!* And do they not do the same thing? Does not the pope burn incense, and walk around with the incense, and the smoke coming up? *Yes!* And the Protestants, following their command of keeping Sunday, Christmas and Easter, are going right back to Rome, doing the same thing that the children of Israel did here.

"...I have even sent to you all My servants the prophets, daily rising up early and sending them, yet they did not hearken to Me, nor bow down their ear, but hardened their neck... [that's what we're seeing happening today in this society] ...They did worse than their fathers. Thus you shall speak all these words to them, but they will not hearken to you; you shall also call to them, but they will not answer you" (vs 25-27). It's the same thing here today. If you hear these words of God read from the Bible and you don't answer God's call to repentance, and you don't listen to the Truth of God's Word, then you are going to pay the penalty because you have made a covenant with death.

Verse 28: "But you shall say to them, 'This is a nation which does not obey the voice of the LORD their God, nor receives correction; Truth has perished, and is cut off from their mouth.'" And God did cast them away.

Jeremiah 10:1: "Hear the Word which the LORD speaks to you, O house of Israel. Thus says the LORD, 'Do not learn the way of the heathen...'" (vs 1-2). Sunday is the way of the heathen.

God warned them over and over again. They

refused, just like He said. We will see what God told them, *pleaded* with them, asked them to do: 'I love you; keep My commandments.' *and* 'If you love Me, keep My commandments'—same thing as the New Testament doctrine that Jesus brought. And remember, the Apostle Paul wrote to Timothy and said, 'From a child you have known the Holy Scriptures [the Old Testament] which are able to make you wise unto salvation through Jesus Christ'

Do you think that you can receive salvation if you reject the words of Christ? Remember, Christ was the Lord God of the Old Testament Who created the Sabbath. If you refuse Christ, refuse His Word, refuse His Truth, refuse to listen, do you think that you're going to receive eternal life? Do you think that you can take the Word of God and add to it, and take away from it, and put in this little heathen practice, which is cute and nice. and this little one, which is so enjoyable to bring in so many people just to 'church' them, just to have numbers in a building?

Deuteronomy 12:28: "Be careful to observe and obey all these words which I command you... [hearken to the voice of the Lord your God] ...so that it may go well with you... [because God wants it to go well with you] ...and with your children after you forever when you do *that which is good and right in the sight of the LORD your God.*" What is good and right?

- all the commandments of God are Truth
- all the statutes of God are Truth
- all the Law of God is Truth
- every precept that God has concerning all things are altogether right

If we understand that, *then it would go well with us!*

Verse 29—He gives a warning: "When the LORD your God shall cut off the nations before you, where you go to possess them, and you take their place and dwell in their land, **take heed to yourself** that you do not become ensnared... [entrapped] ...by following them, after they are destroyed from before you, and that you do not ask about their gods, saying, 'How did these nations serve their gods that I may also do likewise?' You shall not do so to the LORD your God, for every abomination to the LORD, which He hates, they have done to their gods; even their sons and their daughters they have burned in the fire to their gods" (vs 29-31).

Yes, they actually had the sacrifice of children, where they were burnt in offering to Moloch and to Baal. The priests ate the flesh of the children. That's where you get the name cannibals, meaning *priests of Baal*. Can you imagine that? Can you understand that? Can you see what kind of abomination this is to God? And yet, the children of

Israel did that very thing when He said, ‘Don’t do that!’

Verse 31: “You shall not do so to the LORD your God, for every abomination to the LORD, which He hates, they have done to their gods; even their sons and their daughters they have burned in the fire to their gods. Whatsoever thing that I command you, be careful to do it. **You shall not add to it, nor take away from it.**” (vs 31-32). That includes the Sabbath. That’s the dividing line between Sabbath and Sunday. If you add Sunday then you have violated the commandment of God, and you have gone after the heathen. And part and parcel with the whole thing is Easter, and Christmas, and all of the pagan holidays that come along with it.

Jeremiah 10:2: “Thus says the LORD, ‘Do not learn the way of the heathen, and do not be terrified at the signs of the heavens; for the nations are terrified at them. For the customs of the people *are* vain... [vanity, nothing] ...for one cuts a tree out of the forest with the axe, the work of the hands of the workman. They adorn it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and hammers, so that it will not move’” (vs 2-4). That’s what people have just done with Christmas—haven’t they? *Yes!*

Verse 5: “‘They upright like the palm tree... [Down in Egypt that’s what they used, they used a palm tree. In the northern climates they use a pine tree, or, a fir tree.] ...but cannot speak. They must surely be carried because they cannot walk.... [People used to worship those as gods. people today say, ‘Well, we don’t do it for that reason.’ Why do you do it when God says not to?] ...Do not be afraid of them; for they cannot do evil nor good, for it is not in them.’.... [That doesn’t give justification for doing it. It’s just saying that these things are no gods, to do good *or* evil. Why would you leave the true God and go after the tree?] ...*Therefore there is none like You, O LORD; You are great, and Your name is great in might*” (vs 5-6).

Jeremiah 11:1: “The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD saying, ‘Hear the words of this covenant, and speak to the men of Judah and to the people of Jerusalem. And say to them, “Thus says the LORD God of Israel, ‘Cursed *is* the man who does not obey the words of this covenant’”” (vs 1-3).

Let’s project that forward to the New Covenant. What is the curse for not obeying the words of the New Covenant? *Eternal death in the Lake of Fire!* And whenever you claim that God sanctifies Sunday, *you have broken the words of the covenant.* As we saw in Heb. 8 and 10, that the covenant that God makes with us is that He will blot out our sins and iniquities and remember them no more; and write into our minds and inscribe upon the

tablets of our heart, *His commandments and His laws.* Here’s a prophecy of it here.

Verse 4: “Which I commanded your fathers in the day *that* I brought them forth out of the land of Egypt....” You can say, which Jesus Christ instituted on the night of the Passover, Nisan 14, when He broke the bread and said, ‘Take, eat; this is My body.’ When He passed the cup of wine and said, ‘Take, drink; This is My blood in the New Covenant.’ You break that covenant, you are in deep trouble.

“...from the iron furnace, saying, ‘Obey My voice and do according to all that I command you; so you shall be My people, and I will be your God’” (v 4).

Verse 7: “For I earnestly forewarned your fathers in the day I brought them up out of the land of Egypt, even to this day, rising early and warning persistently, saying, ‘**Obey My voice.**’”

Will you obey the voice of Jesus Christ when He said, and He still is today, that the Son of man is Lord also of the Sabbath Day? *Not Sunday! The Sabbath Day!* Will you obey His voice? *or* Will you cling to your false, lying, deceitful doctrines which say, ‘the Sabbath was a Jewish Sabbath, and God has delivered us from all these *Jewish* things’? That’s how they denigrate the Laws of God. The laws that Judaism has added to the Laws of God, and made it a great burden, *those are just as much sin as Sunday is sin.* And we need to understand that. Jesus said, ‘Do not think that I have come to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to destroy, but to fulfill.’ That is, bring it to the full; and then fulfill all the prophecies concerning His first coming.

Verse 8: “‘Yet, they did not obey nor bow down their ear, but walked each one in the imagination of his evil heart. So I will bring on them all the words of this covenant, which I commanded *them* to do; but they did not do them.’ And the LORD said to me, ‘A conspiracy is found among the men of Judah, and among the people of Jerusalem. They have turned back to the iniquities of their forefathers, who refused to hear My words. And they went after other gods to serve them. The house of Israel and the house of Judah have broken My covenant which I made with their fathers’” (vs 8-10). He says, ‘I’m going to bring evil upon you.’

This applies today. These words and these prophecies are also for today, for modern Israel today—the people of America, and Britain, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand. Those are the people of Israel. If you believe as the Jews have said in their lies, that all of the Israelites were Jews—*that is a lie!* The children of Israel, the ten tribes, the northern tribes, were carried off into captivity because of their

sins. After that the Jews said, 'Well, they have been absorbed into the heathen, therefore, *we* are the house of Israel.' *Not so!* They are one tribe of Israel.

Jeremiah 16:10: "And it shall come to pass, when you declare to this people all these words, and they shall say to you, 'Why has the LORD pronounced all this great evil against us?'"

'Oh, well, God can't be that way. God is a God of love.' Like we have today: *God so loved the world He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.* Oh, God wouldn't do that,' and you get a warm, fuzzy feeling in your heart. That's not the love of God. God will pronounce it upon you, because unless your love is based upon keeping the commandments of God and serving Him His way, and obeying His voice, then God is going to bring it.

"...Or what *is* our iniquity?..." *Your iniquity is Sunday-keeping, Christmas, Easter, New Year's*, all of those things. That is the iniquity—lying, cheating, murder, adultery, abortion—and every one of these things are the iniquity that God is going to bring.

"...or what *is* our sin that we have committed against the LORD our God? Then you shall say to them, 'Because your fathers have forsaken Me,' says the LORD, 'and have walked after other gods, and have served them, and have worshiped them, and have forsaken Me, and have not kept My Law. And you have done worse than your fathers; for, behold, you walk each one after the stubbornness of his evil heart, without hearkening to Me'" (vs 10-12).

Isn't that true today? *People don't want the Truth!* People don't understand the Truth. Sabbath-keeping, Sabbath-breaking, Sunday-keeping, and all of these things are all tied together. Because look at what happens to the society when they reject the Sabbath of God and His Holy Days, and turn their back on God, they gradually get rid of every single one of the commandments, and that's where we are today. We put in the White House a President that is a paranoid liar, that doesn't know the truth from error, and would rather tell a lie than the Truth. The people love it that way. He is popular and wonderful.

Well, when it gets that way there is a day of reckoning coming, and it's not too far down the road. You need to ask yourself: What am I going to do? Or are you going to say, 'Well, there goes this preacher again. He's got to come and attack everybody under the sun.' *No!* I'm only reading you the Words of God. God says if you will return and repent He will forgive you and put it all under the blood of Jesus Christ. But you cannot continue in the

way that you have been going. You cannot come up from the abomination of Sunday-keeping, and all the pagan holidays, as if you are coming up from eating all of the abominable things of the earth and wipe your mouth and say, 'We are delivered to do it.' Never happen! God won't listen to you!

God said, 'All right, if you will honor the Sabbath I won't send you into captivity. If you will just turn, if you will just listen, if you will just respond.' Jeremiah 17:19: "Thus the LORD said to me, 'Go and stand in the gates of the children of the people, by which the kings of Judah come in, and by which they go out, and in all the gates of Jerusalem.'" He had to go to every one of the gates and stand there and give this message; then move on to another gate and stand there and give that message; move on to another gate and stand there and give that message.

Verse 20: "And say to them, 'Hear the Word of the LORD, kings of Judah, and all Judah... [It begins right at the very top—doesn't it?] ... and all the people of Jerusalem who enter in by these gates! Thus says the LORD, "Take heed to yourselves, and carry no burden on the Sabbath Day, nor bring *it* in by the gates of Jerusalem. Nor carry out a burden from your houses on the Sabbath Day, nor do any work, but keep the Sabbath Day Holy, as I commanded your fathers'" (vs 20-22).

He gave them another chance—didn't He? How many times must people be told? I mean, isn't it something, that, just consider the millions and billions of people around the world that come to their churches and cathedrals on Sunday and say, 'We are delivered to do these things,' and participate in abominable ceremonies, which are just, what you might say is a sanitized form of Baal worship. They won't listen! They won't hear! They will worship the Virgin Mary. They'll bow down to the pope. They will say, 'We are delivered to do Sunday. Oh, God hates those Jews. So therefore, the Sabbath, we can't do that.' Look! The Jews did not keep the Sabbath. Some people say that God gave the Sabbath Day to curse the Jews. **Wrong! Wrong! Wrong!** God gave the Sabbath Day to be a blessing, and intended it to be.

Verse 23: "But they did not obey, nor inclined their ear, but made their neck stiff, so that they might not hear nor receive instruction." Does what I'm saying to you make your hair on the back of your neck bristle? Does it make you want to not hear another word that I'm saying? *Then you put yourself right in the company with those who rejected God and His Sabbath!* They were Jews, and they were keeping Sunday. Do you understand what I'm saying? God never gave the Sabbath as a curse.

God gave it as a blessing! God gave it in truth! Can we come to yield to God

- with a tender heart?
- yielded mind?
- willing acceptance?
- loving of God?
- to keep His commandments?
- to keep His Sabbath, to keep His Holy Days?
- to keep all the things that Jesus said?

If you love Me, keep My commandments!

Do you profess to love Jesus Christ? *If you don't keep His commandments, including the Sabbath and Holy Days, you don't love Him!* You may have a false love. You may have a deceitful love. You may have an experience that Satan the devil would want you to have, because it's a counterfeit Christ, counterfeit Jesus, counterfeit way. It's not in the Bible.

- What will you do?
- Will you listen to God?
- Will you change?
- Will you turn? Will you repent?

It's all up to you.

The average Protestant today does not have a clue that the Jews and the children of Israel—the ten northern tribes—were carried off into captivity *because of Sunday-keeping*. They were worshipping Baal and Ashteroth. The Protestant ministers and teachers and those who still follow Rome because the Catholics have chided the Protestants and say, 'By what authority do you keep Sunday, Easter and Christmas? You can search the Bible from Genesis to Revelation and find not one word authorizing the sanctification of Sunday. If you want to follow the Bible, you Protestants—as you claim—then you ought rightly keep the seventh-day Sabbath.' *They know! You know!* But they haven't been told that the children of Israel and Judah, in worshipping Baal and Ashteroth, *were rejected out of their inheritance* because they were committing idolatry and keeping Sunday. So therefore, all those who keep Sunday are right back to the trough of abominations that the children of Israel and the children of Judah were doing.

God gave them a chance again, v 23: "But they did not obey, nor inclined their ear, but made their neck stiff, so that they might not hear nor receive instruction. And it shall be... [notice that even when God was giving the warning you are going into captivity]: ...if you diligently hearken to Me'... [again, to the voice of God] ...says the LORD, 'to bring in no burden through the gates of this city on the Sabbath Day...'” (vs 23-24).

Stop and think about modern-day Israel. What is the greatest shopping day? *Saturday! The Sabbath!* How many sports do they have on it? *They teach their children to break the Sabbath by having sports and activities on the Sabbath—don't they? Yes!* God said, 'If you will hallow the Sabbath Day, to do no work therein'; and everyone loves their overtime Saturday work—don't they? *Yes!*

Verse 25: "Then kings and rulers sitting on the throne of David shall enter into the gates of this city..." He would forgive! He would take away the captivity! He would not send them off if they returned to Him. The king would still be there. The Jews have no king today, *because they rejected God* under the Old Covenant; sent off into the Babylonian captivity. And from that time on they only had a governor. There was no throne of David there in Jerusalem. Then when it came the time for the one to inherit the throne—Jesus Christ—they rejected Him.

He says, yes, they would be there, "...riding in chariots and on horses, they, and their rulers, the men of Judah, and the people of Jerusalem. And this city shall remain forever. And they shall come from the cities of Judah, and from the places about Jerusalem, and from the land of Benjamin, and from the plain, and from the mountains, and from the south, bringing burnt offerings, and sacrifices, and grain offerings, and incense, and bringing sacrifices of praise to the house of the LORD. But if you will not hearken to me to keep the Sabbath Day Holy, and not to carry a burden, even entering in at the gates of Jerusalem on the Sabbath Day; then I will kindle a fire in its gates, and it will devour the palaces of Jerusalem, and it will not be put out" (vs 25-27).

Did that happen? If you want some very instructive reading you get the book of *Josephus, The History of the Jews*. While he refused to write about Christ and the Church, except what looks like an insertion by some translator, he did accurately depict the fall of Jerusalem during the Babylonian captivity and the fall of Jerusalem in 70_{A.D.} It was horrible, indeed! There comes a time to where God says *enough, is enough!* How close are we getting to that right now? *I tell you what, we'll soon find out!*

Let's look at one where a lot of Protestant ministers go to say, 'See, God hates the Sabbath.' How can God hate something that He gave for their good? Isaiah, the first chapter, is very instructive. But you have to read it to understand what it's really saying. God says, 'delight yourself in My Sabbath.' How can God hate the Sabbath that He gave as a delight? *By the very actions of men, if they are keeping the Sabbath, or the day that they have changed and call it **their** Sabbath!*

Isaiah 1:10: “Hear the Word of the LORD, rulers of Sodom...” That’s just the way this society is today. They have so many homosexual priests in the Catholic Church, and they have the highest rate of AIDS of any group of people in the world. And they claim they represent God? Pray tell, if you’re a Catholic you better repent. If you are a priest you better give up being a priest of Baal, because that is what you are. You are no priest unto God if you’re a homosexual. You carry around the curse of AIDS, which God has brought upon you to teach you a lesson to show you not to do those abominations. That’s what He says here.

“...give ear to the Law of our God, people of Gomorrah” (v 10)—which then covers all of the rest of the illegal, illicit sex of adultery, and fornication, and abortion, and all of that to go with it.

Verse 11: “To what purpose *is* the multitude of your sacrifices to Me?” says the LORD.... [They really weren’t to Him. They were to the other gods!] ... ‘I am full of the burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts; and I do not delight in *the blood of bulls*, or of lambs, or of he-goats. When you come to appear before Me, who has required this at your hand, to trample My courts?’” (vs 11-12).

As we saw with Jeremiah, unto the other gods, right in the house of God. One of the worst kings that ever was, King Manasseh. He put an idol right in the house of God, and all the hosts of heaven; and built all the homosexual tents all around it. What is the purpose of that?

Verse 12: “When you come to appear before Me, who has required this at your hand, to trample My courts?” What purpose is it on Sunday that you go to worship on Sunday, and you hear the minister say, ‘God has delivered us from the Law.’ *No!* God has delivered you from the curse of the Law; and *the curse of the Law is sin*, and *the curse of the Law is death*. He has not delivered you from the Law, that you don’t have to keep it; that now you can believe the lie that Sunday is the day of worship when it is not; when you call Sunday the Christian Sabbath when it never was.

Verse 13: “Bring no more vain sacrifices; incense is an abomination to Me—new moon and Sabbath, the calling of assemblies; I cannot endure iniquity along with the solemn assembly! **Your** new moons and **your** appointed feasts My soul hates...” (vs 13-14). Why? Because *their* new moons and *their* sabbaths and *their* ways were the pagan days. That’s why He hated it. God would not hate His own Sabbath. God would not hate His own Holy Days. But He hates it when people come with the wrong attitude.

“...they are a trouble to Me; I am weary to bear *them*. And when you spread forth your hands, I will hide My eyes from you; yea, when you make many prayers, I will not hear; your hands are full of blood” (vs 14-15).

Let’s just say this: Even if you’re keeping the right days that God has said you should keep—and we have seen this with the Churches of God, that they do keep the Sabbath and they do keep the Holy Days—but what is it that they do? *They are committing adultery; they are lying; they are cheating; they are stealing. Their heart and their attitude is wrong before God!* God makes it very clear, even if you have the right days, even if you follow the Law in the letter, but your heart is not right before God, even that becomes an abomination to God, because

- God wants a *willing heart!*
- God wants a *yielded mind!*
- God wants a *contrite spirit!*

Isaiah 66:1: “Thus says the LORD, ‘The heaven *is* My throne, and the earth *is* My footstool. Where, then, *is* the house that you build for Me? And where *is* the place of My rest? For all these things My hand has made, and these things came to be,’ says the LORD....” (vs 1-2).

What is greater than a magnificent building?
What is greater than a temple of God? What is greater than a church building?

- a contrite and a humble heart and spirit
- one that worships God in spirit and in Truth
- one that loves God with all their heart, and mind, and soul, and being

Then you have a relationship with God. Otherwise, you just have a ‘religion’ and you have a building, and you put confidence in physical things. And know for sure, God is going to remove it. And God is going to take it away, that you may repent and come back to Him.

“... ‘But to this one I will look, to him who is of a poor and contrite spirit and who trembles at My Word” (v 2).

- Do you tremble at the Word of God?
- Do you love the Word of God?
- Do you fear disobeying God?
- Do you fear transgressing the Word of God?
- Do you fear breaking the Sabbath Day and doing your own thing?
- Do you?

You can be religious as can be. You can offer a sacrifice according to the way that God said under

the Old Covenant to offer it. But if your heart isn't right, what good does it do?

Verse 3: "He who kills an ox *is as if* he killed a man; he who sacrifices a lamb *is as if* he broke a dog's neck; he who offers a grain offering *is as if* he offered swine's blood; he who burns incense *is as if* he blessed an idol. Yea, they have chosen their own ways, and their soul delights in their abominations.... [Which, we already saw what they were—didn't we?] ...I also will choose their delusions, and I will bring their fears upon them because when I called, no one answered; when I spoke, they did not hear. But they did evil before My eyes and chose *that* in which I did not delight" (vs 3-4).

It's kind of like Jesus said, 'I am the Beginning and the End.' We can tie the beginning of Isaiah together with the end of Isaiah. Right in the beginning He gives the solution, and here is what it needs to be:

Isaiah 1:16: "Wash yourselves... [Through the proper baptism, and the cleansing of the washing of the water by the Word.] ...Make yourselves clean... [by doing the things that are right] ...put away the evil of your doings from before My eyes; cease to do evil..." Sunday-keeping and the pagan holidays are all evil, as we have seen how many times? *Yes!*

Verse 17: "...Learn to do good... [That is, the proper worship of God, the proper Sabbath-keeping, the proper keeping of the commandments of God, as magnified by Jesus Christ.] ...seek judgment, reprove the oppressor. Judge the orphan, plead for the widow. Come now, and let us reason together,' says the LORD.... [God will listen! God will hear when there is repentance!] ...'Though your sins are as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land..." (vs 17-19). In the New Covenant, if you be willing and obedient, you will inherit eternal life.

Verse 20: "'But if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured *with* the sword;' for the mouth of the LORD has spoken *it*." That's quite a thing. We need to understand just exactly what that is.

Let's see what the Apostle John wrote. Here is how we need to model our life, right here. We need to do so by loving God, as Christ said, *with all your heart, and all your mind, and all your soul, and all your strength*. God doesn't want some part-time Sunday-worship; **God wants your whole being**. God does not want you going out and adding the pagan abominations to His way; **He wants you to reject it** because it's part and parcel of the world and Satan

the devil; it's not of God.

1-John 2:3: "And by this *standard* we know that we know Him..." Do you really know that you know Christ? Even though on Sunday a lot of ministers and people say, 'Know the Lord! Know the Lord!' But they don't know Him because they are Sunday-keepers. They may know *of* Him from reading some Scriptures, but *they don't know Him* because they are not fellowshiping with Him on the Sabbath; they are not keeping His laws and His commandments.

Here is the *if*: "...**if we keep His commandments**" (v 3). You think on that! And as Christ said, let this sink deep into your ears. Or as we just learned in the Old Testament, to '**Obey My voice.**'

Verse 4—Are you this person? Does this apply to you?

- It surely does to all of those who profess Sunday!
- It surely does to those who teach Sunday!
- It surely does to those who teach commandment-breaking!

How can you teach commandment-breaking in the name of Christ, when He came to forgive sins, which is commandment-breaking? *It's an impossibility!*

Verse 4: "The one who says... [anyone who says] ...'I know Him,' and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and..."

- Are you a liar?
- Do you believe a lie?
- Do you reject the Truth of God?

"...the Truth is not in him" (v 4). Are you the same as the children of Israel and the children of Judah in the Old Covenant, that you reject God's ways?

Verse 5: "On the other hand, *if* anyone is keeping His Word..." Jesus said, 'The Son of man is Lord also of the Sabbath Day.'

- Do you keep His Word concerning the Sabbath?
- Do you keep His Word concerning the 1st commandment, the 2nd commandment, the 3rd commandment, as well as the 4th commandment, the 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, and 10th?
- Do you keep the commandments as magnified by Jesus Christ in Matt. 5, 6, and 7?
- Do you?

"...truly in this one the love of God is being perfected..." (v 5). You can see here very clearly,

that ***there can be no such thing as the love of God while you are breaking the commandments of God!*** That is a contradiction. ***If*** you do not keep the commandments of God and love Him and let God's love be perfected in you through His Spirit and through His Truth and through His Word, then you are rejecting Christ. ***If*** you keep Sunday in the name of Christ, you are in fact rejecting Christ. Do you understand that? That's what it's saying here.

"...By this *means* we know that we are in Him. Anyone who claims to dwell in Him is obligating himself also to walk even as He Himself walked" (vs. 5-6).

- Did Jesus ever sin? *No!*
- Did He ever break the Sabbath? *No!*
- Did He always do the things that pleased God? *Yes!*
- Is that how you are walking?
- Is that the standard and goal that you are seeking for?
- Is that the purpose in your life?

or

- Do you want to go around in your own self-deception and claim the name of God, while you continue in your sins and do the same as the ancient Israelites and the Jews?

Who say: 'We are delivered to do these things,' when you have not been? ***If you do those things, that is the way of the world! If you love those things then the love of God is not in you!***

Verse 15: "Do not love the world, nor the things *that are* in the world..." Is not Sunday a thing that is in the world, the command of men? *Yes, it is!* Don't the Catholics arrogantly taunt the Protestants that they ought to know better, because, 'if you're keeping Sunday, you're following the pope; because the pope did these things by his own decree'; the decree of Constantine? If you follow Sunday, you're rejecting God, you're following the way of the world and the pagan emperor of Rome and you are not following God—you are loving the world and the things that are in the world.

"...If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him, because everything that *is* in the world—the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pretentious pride of physical life—is not from the Father, but is from the world" (vs 15-16). That is a perfect description of Sunday and all of the pagan holidays; it is all based upon lust. Stop and think about the thing concerning Christmas, which is really honoring the sun-god Mithras, and everything about Christ being born on that day is a lie.

I have said how many times, you cannot worship the God of Truth with a lie. You lie to your

children that there is a Santa Claus. You get them all involved in lust and coveting after things, and 'give me this, and give me that, and 'give me the other thing.' You teach them to have idolatry by having a Christmas tree in your house. All of that stems from Sunday-keeping. You teach them to look to someone else besides you, as the parents, to receive gifts and good things. *No!* That's all of the world; *that is not of God!*

Let's see that these things come in because the way of Truth is evil spoken of, or blasphemed, as it is in the Greek. And that's what all of the Protestant ministers and teaching have to do with blaspheming God. That's what the Catholic doctrine is, is blasphemy against God and His way.

2-Peter 2:1: "But there were also false prophets among the people..." We just read about that—didn't we? All the false prophets saying it's okay to do these things. 'We are delivered to do it. Bring Baal right here in the house of God, He won't mind, we're ecumenicist, which will be good; we're all going to heaven. Bring in Moloch. Bring in the abomination of the Zidonians; let's set it right up here in the house of God, and we'll have a good ecumenical service together. God has delivered us to do this.' That's what they said.

"...as indeed there will be false teachers among you..." (v 1). It comes right into the Church of God. How many things have we seen concerning the Sabbath, the Passover, the Holy Days, clean and unclean meats, and all of those things?

"...who will stealthily introduce destructive heresies... [they have an agenda; they have something they're going to do themselves] ...personally denying *the* Lord who bought them, and bringing swift destruction upon themselves. And many people will follow *as authoritative* their destructive ways; *and* because of them, the way of the Truth will be blasphemed" (vs 1-2).

- Isn't that what they do concerning the Sabbath?
- Is not the Sabbath the Truth of God?
- Is not the Sabbath the day of worship for God? *Yes!*
- Do they not speak evil of the Sabbath?
- Do they not say that if you keep the Sabbath you are Judaizing?

Most people do not even know what Judaizing is. Judaizing has nothing to do with commandment-keeping, but it has to do with keeping the traditions of the Jews, which Christ has rejected. So they speak evil of it.

- Do you accept them speaking evil of it?
- Do you think that you're delivered to do those things?

Verse 3: “Also, through insatiable greed they will with enticing messages exploit you for gain...” This sounds like Pat Robertson’s program: ‘Get money. We’ve got a goal of \$150,000 in the next hour. Roll the drums! Play the tympani! Send in the money!’ That’s all part of the world. You’re being merchandised!

“...for whom the judgment of old is in *full* force, and their destruction is *ever* watching” (vs. 3). He says, ‘I want you to pay attention. I want you to realize and understand something profound, that you as human beings need to really grasp concerning God.’

Verse 4: “For if God did not spare *the* angels who sinned, but, having cast *them* into Tartarus... [‘tartaroo’—*place of restraint*; the *abyss*, and (Rev. 9 & 20)] ...delivered *them* into chains of darkness to be kept for *the* judgment.” Are you under chains of darkness because of sin? Jesus Christ describes this. The true light of the world is Jesus Christ—is it not? And is not the Word of God a lamp to our feet to show us which way to go?

Matthew 6:22—Jesus says: “The light of the body is the eye.... [There is something profound about the eyes!] ...Therefore, if your eye be sound... [single-minded in purpose toward the Kingdom of God and Christ, and loving and serving God] ...your whole body shall be *full of* light.” And Jesus said, ‘I am the Light of the world.’

Verse 23: “But if your eye be evil...” By going against the commandments of God:

- by rejecting the Truth of God
- by rejecting the Sabbath of God
- by rejecting the commandment

‘You shall have no other gods before Me; You shall not making any graven image of any likeness of anything that is in heaven above or in the earth beneath, and bow down to it.’

“...your whole body shall be *full of* darkness. Therefore, if the light that *is* in you be darkness... [which comes from Satan the devil] ...how great *is* that darkness! No one is able to serve two masters... [You can’t serve God and serve Baal. You can’t take the name of Christ and the Lord God and put it upon—superimpose it—over Baal and say, ‘This is God.’] ...for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will hold to *the* one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon” (vs 22-24). Meaning:

- You cannot serve God and your own way.
- You cannot serve God and have your own religion.

- You cannot serve God and make up your own commandments.

It will never be! So, pay attention.

If God didn’t spare the angels, Peter is saying, watch out; because God is not going to spare you. 2-Peter 2:5: “And *if God* did not spare *the* ancient world...” As Jesus said, ‘As it was in the days of Noah, so shall also be in the days of the coming of the Son of man.’ What was it? How bad was it? How bad is our society getting? And it all stems *from rejecting God’s way* and superimposing all of the abominations of the religions of this world upon God. God will not endure that!

- He will be kind!
- He will be merciful!
- He will be sparing!

But the day is coming when He is going to pull it up short, just like He did in the days of Noah.

Genesis 6:5: “And the LORD saw that the wickedness of man *was* great on the earth...” Is that not where we’re coming today? Are we not going to do it in a much more accelerated way? Are we not living in an age of knowledge, where we have instantaneous communication, instantaneous knowledge? People can just a grow in sin and knowledge of this world. All you have to do is get on the Internet and click through it. Yes, there is some truth there. Yes, there are some people trying to do good. But you look at all the evil that’s going on there, too.

“...and every imagination of the thoughts of his heart *was* only evil continually” (v 5). They were in a total, occult, satanist society, with the exception of Noah and his family. And we are fast coming to the same point of an occult, satanist society.

Verse 6: “And the LORD repented that He had made man on the earth, and He *was* grieved in His heart.”

- Do you grieve God because of your way?
- Do you grieve God because of your sins?
- Do you grieve God because you take the name of Jesus Christ and attach it to your Sunday, and all of your pagan holidays?

Verse 7: “And the LORD said, ‘I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, and the crawling thing, and the fowl of the air; for I repent that I have made them.’ But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD” (vs 7-8). *If you repent, you will find grace in the eyes of the Lord!* Yes, you will. He wants us to understand that the Flood was a great judgment because of sin. If God did that—and this is New Testament doctrine—just think what He’s going to

do because of all the filthy abominations that are done in the name of God today.

2-Peter 2:5: “And *if God* did not spare *the* ancient world, but saved Noah, *the* eighth, a preacher of righteousness, when He brought *the* Flood upon the world of *the* ungodly.” ***If you don’t keep the commandments of God, you are ungodly!*** And as one man wrote, which is very profound, he said, ‘Though your morals be impeccable, if you do not worship the true God you are an atheist.’ And if you’re an atheist then you are ungodly.

Verse 6: “And having reduced *the* cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to ashes, condemned *them* with a catastrophic *destruction*, making *them* an example *for those* who would be ungodly in the future; and *if* He personally rescued righteous Lot, who was oppressed by the lawless ones *living* in licentious conduct; (for that righteous man, dwelling among them, through seeing and hearing *their* lawless activities, *was* tormented day by day *in his* righteous soul;) *the* Lord knows *how* to rescue *the* Godly out of temptation, and to reserve *the* unrighteous to *the* day of judgment to be punished” (vs 6-9).

God can deliver you. Or are you going to go on, like the rest of those who reject God, and turn their back on Christ? Who go against the way of God, and follow all the rest?

Verse 13: “They are bringing upon themselves *the* reward of unrighteousness, while finding pleasure in satisfying *their lustful* desires day by day. *They are* stains and blemishes, reveling in their own deceptions, while feasting together with you.... [We have seen that happen even within Churches of God. Men come in and do this very thing] ...Having eyes full of adultery and that cannot cease from sin, *they are engaged in* seducing unstable souls, having a heart trained in *lustful* cravings—cursed children who have abandoned the straight way. They have gone astray, having followed the way of Balaam, *the son* of Beor, who loved *the* reward of wickedness” (vs 13-15). And Balaam was the high priest of Pethor, right there on the Euphrates River. And that’s just like saying the pope in St. Peter’s Basilica, because ‘Pethor’ means *Peter*.

Verse 16: “But he received a rebuke for his own transgression; *the* dumb donkey, speaking in a man’s voice, restrained the madness of the prophet. These *false prophets* are fountains without water, clouds driven by a storm, for whom is reserved the blackest of darkness forever” (vs 16-17). This is exactly what happens every single Sunday when they come up discussing the Sabbath-Sunday question.

Verse 18: “For they speak bombastic *words* of vanity... [All you have to do is turn on any religious channel, watch these great and famous preachers.] ...enticing *others* through *the* lusts of *the* flesh by granting indulgences to sin, *and ensnaring* those who had indeed escaped from those who live in deception. While promising them freedom...” [saying, ‘You have been delivered to do these things.’ That now ‘Sunday is the Christian Sabbath Day.’] ...they themselves are actually slaves of corruption because by whatever anyone is overcome, he is also held in bondage” (vs 18-19).

- Are you in the bondage of Sunday and the pagan holidays?
- Have you been overcome by it?
- Have you turned your back on the Sabbath?
- Were you once a Sabbath-keeper and are now a Sunday-keeper?
- Were you once keeping the Holy Days of God, and now you are keeping the feast days of Balaam?
- Have you been brought into bondage for that?

Verse 20: “For if, after escaping the moral defilements of the world through *the* knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they again become entangled in them, and are overcome, the final end is worse than the beginning.”

- Is that where you are?
- Do you love God’s Sabbath?
- Do you love God’s Word?
- Do you love God’s Holy Days?

or

- Do you believe the lie that Satan has perpetrated on all of Protestantism and all of Catholicism, and yea, the whole world?

Verse 21: “For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness than, after knowing *it*, to turn back from the Holy commandment *that was* delivered to them.” *There is still time!* There is still a way of repentance that God gives. You can come out of it. You can begin to come back to God, as we saw there in Isa. 1 and Rev. 3, ‘Repent and be zealous, therefore.’

Verse 22: “But the *pronouncement found* in the true proverb has happened to them: *The* dog has returned to *eat* his own vomit; and *the* sow *that was* washed *has returned* to *her* wallowing place in *the filthy* mire.” If you have left the Sabbath and gone back into Sunday-keeping, *you are right back in the cesspool of the world’s religions and all the satanic lies that come with it.* If you are in Sunday-keeping and pagan holiday keeping, come out of it. ***Repent!*** God says to ***repent!***

Let's come here to Revelation 18, where God pleads with His people, where God cries out to His people. Revelation 18:2: "And he cried... [the angel] ...mightily... [coming down out of heaven] ...with a loud voice, saying, 'Babylon the Great is fallen, is fallen...'" Listen! This whole world's system and religion is going to fall.

"...and has become a habitation of demons, and a prison of every unclean spirit, and a prison of every unclean and hated bird; because all nations have drunk of the wine of the fury of her fornication... [of great Babylon, which is all the pagan religions of this world] ...and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich through the power of her luxury.' And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, 'Come out of her, My people...'" (vs 2-4).

- Will you come out of Babylon the Great?
- Will you forsake Sunday-keeping and pagan holiday keeping?
- Will you return to God in Truth and repentance, to love Him, to keep His commandments, and to serve Him with all your heart, and mind, and being?
- Will you?

He says, *if you do* then you will not be partakers of her sins; that you receive not of her plagues. But *if you don't*, you're going to be partaker of her sins and receive of her plagues. So this thing of Sabbath-keeping vs Sunday-keeping is a very important and profound thing.

Next time I'm going to go through every place where it talks about the first day of the week. And we will examine it very carefully to see what really took place. Were there indeed worship services going on, and was this indeed a sanctification of Sunday instead of the Sabbath?

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