God never commanded us to worship Him on the Sabbath day.

There are no verses in Scripture to prove or support that He did.

Sabbath Day or Sunday?

Which day to worship?

The words "rest" and "worship" have two different meanings. If "rest" meant going to a worship service, then we must also include our animals in these worship services. If we were to take Ex. 20:10 and Deut. 5:14 at face value, then we MUST include (or bring) all our animals to our worship services. What is said of sons, daughters, strangers, menservants, and maidservants is also said of animals. Exodus 16:29 was very clear on what was to be done on the Sabbath day.

What would have happened if Jesus Christ **didn't die** and was crowned King, as was **revealed in the Old Testament Scripture**? Then, **ALL NATIONS** would have brought their burnt offerings and sacrifices to Jerusalem, weekly (from one sabbath to the next: on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, and so on), or monthly (from one new moon to the next), and they would **worship** the LORD there. Like the blessings and curses promised to Israel if specific instructions were or were not followed (Deu. 28:1-68), Israel chose death to their King and **this** Old Testament revelation Sabbath worshippers point to as **PROOF** of their worship day law, was history (Is. 66:20-24; Jer. 17:26; Ez. 45:17, 46:3, 12).

Worship is a lifestyle, not a day!
Rest (Salvation Day Rest) is now a gift.

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CONTENT SCOPE

1	The different meanings of the words "**worship**" and "**rest**." [P18-19, 22-23, 37-38], and **Jesus' definition of worship**.
2	**What is truly meant by:** *"And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had **rested** from all his work which God created and made"* **and** *"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy"* (Genesis 2:3; Exodus 20:8). Do these verses imply going to a synagogue or church on the Sabbath day to worship God? [P88-97].
3	What do **Isaiah 66:23** and **Ezekiel 46:3** mean? [P123-132].
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5	**PROOF** of what Israel **actually** did and **was commanded** to do by God on the Sabbath day? [P24-36, 96].
6	Going to a synagogue on the Sabbath day came about from man-made traditions: one of many man-made Jewish traditions, according to the scriptures. (See Matthew 15:2-6; Mark 7:6-8) [P21, 41-43].
7	**PROOF:** Constantine met Christians coming together on the first day of the week, which he labeled Sunday. They attended "**church services**" long before he was born [P5-6].
8	Christians come together on the first day of the week (Sunday), as the disciples did in Acts 20:7, to actually "**remember**" what Jesus did at Calvary, reflecting on **everything** that points to Him [P3-6].
9	Juggling the "**rest**" and "**worship**" words in verses to make sense of them [P38], and **PROOF** that the **SALVATION DAY REST** is the fulfillment and replacement of the fourth law of the Ten Commandments. [P65-80]
10	**PROOF** that Moses pointed to Jesus Christ as Christianity's **ONLY** modern-day prophet "of the Highest." **No one else!** [P81-87].

Please read the entire document before formulating partial or midway conclusions. This is because many questions are answered as you continue reading. All scriptural references are taken from the KJV Bible.

INTRODUCTION

With a frightening doom of terror and mass slaughter hanging in the balance toward Christians by radical Pharisees (like Saul of Tarsus), a large-scale execution of Christians would commence if two critical issues were not quickly addressed by the apostolic council at Jerusalem in Acts 15:1-41.

The Christian church (then and future) anxiously and patiently waited for a verdict from the early church's council on a life-or-death martyrdom dispute that was tabled. This resulted from Jewish Pharisees who began informing the people that unless they were circumcised and kept THE LAW OF MOSES, they could not be saved. The matters up for discussion were: Should Christians be subject to (or burdened with) circumcision and keeping or following THE LAW OF MOSES?

As awaiting Christians (Jews and Gentiles, present and future), adrenaline and heartbeat raced forward with anticipation; Paul, Barnabas, and Silas finally emerged from the council chamber with the verdict. With a desperate and nervously anticipated look from the crowd, the verdict was read: ***"That ye adstain from meats offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication: from which if ye keep yourselves, ye shall do well. Fare ye well"*** (Acts 15:29).

With mouths dropped open, wondering thoughts quietly saying, ***"Is that all?!"*** With eyes filled with tears and hungry spiritual pains fading away and replaced with what they were starving for, Christianity burst out with joy (John 16:20-21) because to follow THE LAWS OF MOSES was too complicated without constantly adding new rules in a changing society, not knowing when these rules conflict with God's laws. This is so, particularly with the fourth law of the Ten Commandments.

DID YOU KNOW?

● Did you know that Jesus Christ, who is alive today and with us, is Christianity's modern-day prophet? All others are false! Read the proof below, especially Deuteronomy 18:15; Acts 3:23, 7:55-56, and others [P81-87].

● Did you know that there are people today who believe THE LAW OF MOSES and THE LAW OF GOD are separate and distinct from each other? As a result, they say that Acts 15:1-41 does not apply to THE LAW OF GOD. THE LAW OF GOD, according to them, is the Ten Commandments. THE LAW OF MOSES is all the other laws and statutes [P115-122].

● Did you know that according to them, the TEN COMMANDMENTS, essentially the Sabbath Day law (the fourth commandment), either now or just before the death of the Christian, must be followed to be eligible for eternal life? [P100-111].

● Did you know that the fulfillment and replacement of the fourth law of the Ten Commandments is "*…That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ,*" which is Christianity's Salvation Day Rest? Correctly stated (or fulfilled) as: From the "weekly" Sabbath Day rest to the "eternal" Salvation Day Rest. This is the day when Christians were saved, the day of the new birth in Christ, or the day when God's Holy Spirit came to dwell within Christians. They were sealed and were born again spiritually on this day and given eternal life (John 10:28; Romans 5:21; 1 John 5:11-13. Also, 2 Corinthians 1:22; Ephesians 1:13, 4:30) [P65-80].

[1]Today, there are those who want to make us believe that because of what Constantine decreed, anyone who worships God (or attends church services) on Sunday worships Him on a pagan day and not the Sabbath day. According to them, anyone or everyone worshipping God on Sunday has "the mark of the beast" or "the mark of the Antichrist." They claimed that Constantine the Great changed Saturday worship to Sunday

and made it official, forcing all religious worship services to be held on this day.

[2]They further claimed that very soon, a **national Sunday law** will "once again" be enacted (as it was during Constantine's reign, according to them), forcing all religious worship services to be held on Sunday. Thus, their church would be targeted with persecution because **"Saturday or Sabbath worship"** is their **"seal"** and **"sign"** of truly worshipping God (Exodus 31:12-17).

Which day to worship? ONE

The pattern (format, or order of Sunday services) in all Christian churches today started with the early church in the Book of Acts, long before Constantine the Great was born.

[3]The Scripture says that ***"…upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them…"*** (Acts 20:7). *"…**when ye come together in the church**…"* (1 Corinthians 11:18). ***"**Now concerning the **collection for the saints**…**Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him…"*** (I Corinthians 16:1-2). What do churches today **collect** tithes and offerings for?

[4]The disciples and the early Christians congregated together in the church **(not the synagogue or the Jewish Temple)** on the first day of the week to celebrate and administer the Lord's Supper (breaking bread), bringing their tithes and offerings (collection for the saints) to the churches, and listening to the preaching of God's Word (Paul's "first day of the week" model of preaching during this time in Acts 20:7). It was **a practice or pattern that was copied by Christians everywhere afterward**. (Paul said in I Corinthians 11:18, *"…when ye come together in **the church**…"*). What did they "come together" to do, and **"where"** did they come together to do it? I Corinthians 11:20-34 proves that they came together to "break bread," meaning to eat (take or remember) the Lord's Supper. (**I Corinthians 10:16: *"…The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?"***). So then, according to Acts 20:7, when and where did Christians come together to do this? (The answer is: **on the first day of the week** and **at church. It was not the synagogue or the Jewish Temple**).

[5]The fact that Constantine chose to worship his god on the first day of the week **by copying** Christians' "Lord's supper" and "tithes and offerings" services indicates that Acts 20:7 and I Corinthians 16:1-2 were prevalent among early born-again believers. To truly get the point, if Christians were coming together on, let's say, the fourth day of the week (Wednesday), Constantine probably would have instead named this day Sunday as his worship day.

[6]Thus, Constantine simply **copied** what Christians were already doing on the day he called Sunday. As mentioned earlier, the early Christians were congregating together on the first day of the week to have church services by administering **the Lord's supper**, which was Jesus' command that *"this do in remembrance of me"* (Luke 22:19, along with 1 Corinthians 11:24-25), to **sing hymns** (as Jesus did after Supper in Matthew 26:30, Mark 14:26), to bring their **tithes and offerings** to church (collection for the saints in 1 Corinthians 16:1-2), and to listen to the **preaching** of God's Word (Acts 20:7). This is a very close **practice or pattern of what is being done in the churches today on Sunday,** or on the first day of the week. (For information purposes only, Constantine also named the seventh day, Saturday, after the pagan god Saturn, a god of agriculture).

It is recorded in history that Christians were already meeting on the first day of the week long before Constantine was born. In fact, the first-day-of-the-week meetings began with the Apostles in the Book of Acts. This is why Constantine selected this day and called it Sunday, after his false Pagan god. Why did Constantine target this day? He simply sought to control the fastest-growing Christian movement that was spreading throughout the kingdom. Judaism was not a threat to his false religion; Christianity was! Judaism grew mainly through the birth of Jewish children into a Jewish family. Christianity was converting Pagan Gentiles into the faith and was growing

by leaps and bounds. It had to be stopped or controlled. Constantine made a strategic move, avoiding the previously failed bloodshed attempt that had caused many more converts. Instead of the previous efforts of trying to wipe out the movement via bloodshed, causing Christianity to grow, he reversed the plan to try something different. That plan was to Christianize everything in his pagan kingdom (dates, holidays, objects, statues, relics, art, etc.). He gave pagan gods and goddesses Christian names and titles and called followers saints. This was the turning point in history where all pagan deities were Christianized.

[7]Technically speaking, most Sabbath day-worshipping Christians break a New Testament command every week (1 Corinthians 16:1-2) and disregard the early Christian celebration of the Lord's Supper (Acts 20:7) **on the first day of the week,** which represented the **remembrance** (1 Corinthians 11:24-25) of the Lord's death, burial, and **first day of the week resurrection**. (As **Moses** commanded Israel on what to do on the seventh day [Exodus 16:29], **Paul** [under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit] admonished Christians on what to do on the first day of the week. Also, see [P88-99] below).

[8]Now, throughout the Book of Acts and the early church, Christians held **DAILY** church service meetings in each other's homes (Acts 2:46-47, 5:42, 8:3, 20:20) and anywhere the surroundings were somewhat safe. To avoid easy persecution from the chief priest and elders of the people, they had to hold their services secretly on different days of the week and in discreet locations.

[9]These church services were not "locked down" to any special day of the week because of Romans 14:5-6 (***"One man esteemeth one day above another: another esteemeth every day alike…"***). If Christians worshipped in buildings and on a special day, as is done today, they would have been easy targets for persecution by radical Jews like Saul of Tarsus. (It would be similar to what is seen today in all Islamic states and their governed regions, even in Communist states like North Korea, China, etc. This is why "underground" churches were established).

[10]For the born-again believer, every day of the week, including Sunday, was conducive to worship because of what Jesus said in John 4:21-23 and 14:6-13. The day of worship for Christians was not centered on "a special day or place," but on worshipping Jesus Christ (who is God) "in spirit and in truth." This simply meant a daily lifestyle of righteous and Christ-like living.

[11]The Jews centered their worship around "the day" because it was a "**seal**" or a "**sign**" of their allegiance to God (Exodus 31:12-17). Similarly, truly worshipping "Jesus Christ" was the born-again Christian's "**seal**" and "**sign**" (sealed by the Holy Spirit: 2 Corinthians 1:21-22; Ephesians 1:13, 4:30) of allegiance to God. Thus, when the Apostle Paul preached to Jews, he went into their synagogues on the Sabbath day; and when he preached to Christians, he went to their homes any and every day of the week.

[12]**"**First day of the week, **church meeting services"** or "**Sabbath day meeting services**" was not the "big issue" for the early Christians; worshipping **Jesus Christ** daily was the focus. This was because salvation was/is found in Him **ALONE** (Acts 4:12).

[13]However, the Jews held their Sabbath services in synagogues on the seventh day because many of them rejected Jesus Christ as the Messiah and continued following the Laws of Moses and the prophets (even though **Moses never commanded them to go to synagogues and worship God on the Sabbath day**).

[14]Now, in the Book of Acts and during their services held across Jerusalem, **Sabbath services** were **NOT** targeted with persecution. It was **daily Christian church services or meetings** held in Christian homes that were (Acts 8:3; 17:1-2). Also, **Sabbath attendees or their Synagogue services** were **NOT** targeted by the Jewish radicals or the religious leaders, and therefore, their temple and synagogues were not attacked. **Daily Christian church services** were attacked, and their homes were invaded (Acts 8:3) to stamp out and stop the spread of Christianity.

[15]Therefore, Christians were not targeted because of "Sabbath day services" or because Constantine decreed that Sunday was the official day of worship. They were

persecuted for preaching, teaching, and worshipping "Jesus Christ" (Acts 4:1-2, 17-18, 5:28-42).

[16]It was Jesus Christ, **HIMSELF,** who warned us about the approaching persecution **AND** the **REASON WHY IT WAS COMING** in Matthew 24:9 and John 15:18-25. He "**NEVER**" said persecution would come as a result of a "**worship day**" law! This was because worshipping Him could be done anywhere, anyplace, and anytime, even in a very dark and secluded dungeon (Acts 16:24-25).

[17]For the born-again believer, every day of the week, including Saturday, was conducive to worship because of what Jesus said in John 4:21-23 and 14:6-13 (***"…the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth…"***). The day of worship for Christians was not centered on "a special day or place," but on worshipping Jesus Christ, who is God, "in spirit and in truth." This simply meant a daily lifestyle of righteous and Christ-like living. **Even David instructed us to worship God daily in 1 Chronicles 16:23-24 and Psalm 96:1-2**.

[18]**Worship** and **rest** are completely different in meaning, and as a result, **nowhere in Scripture has God commanded us to worship Him on the seventh day**. (Glorify, honor, praise, bow down to, etc., **versus** stop work, lie down, refresh oneself, relax, sleep, etc., is very different in meaning. See [P38] below). Furthermore, Jesus preached on all days, not just on the seventh day; therefore, God wants us to worship Him every moment of our lives, every day. Hence, worship is everything or anything done that praises, pleases, exalts, and brings honor to God.

[19]Besides this, worship is not entirely just going to a place (a building, a synagogue, the temple, a church, etc.) on the Sabbath day, nor is it a gathering with others of like faith on Sunday. Worship is a lifestyle, and no special day in Scripture is set aside for it. **It is a daily lifestyle of doing "good" that glorifies God.**

There are NO weekly Sabbath Day worshippers found anywhere in the Old Testament. See [P123-132] below for an explanation of Isaiah 66:23.

[20]More specifically, there is **NOWHERE** in the Old Testament scripture where God's people went to the Tabernacle, Temple, Synagogue, or a building **every Sabbath day** to worship God.

[21]During and after the Babylonian captivity, the Jews built synagogues and began attending them on the Sabbath day to remember (or keep in **remembrance**) God and what He had instructed them to do. As mentioned earlier, they then centered their Sabbath-day services around **"the day"** (creating a new tradition that later spilled over to what Christians began doing on the first day of the week) because it was a **"seal"** and a **"sign"** to them of their allegiance towards God. Similarly, truly worshipping "Jesus Christ" was/is the born-again believer's **"seal"** and **"sign"** (sealed by the Holy Spirit: 2 Corinthians 1:21-22; Ephesians 1:13, 4:30) of allegiance to God.

[22]As mentioned above, the words "**rest**" and "**worship**" are two different words with completely different meanings. **If we were to take the word "rest" to mean going to a church meeting service** (a synagogue, temple, etc. See [P38] below.), **then we must also include animals in our church meeting services.** If we take Exodus 20:10 and Deuteronomy 5:14 at face value, we must then include (or bring) all our animals to our church meeting services. What is said of sons, daughters, strangers, menservants, and maidservants is also said of animals: *"…nor thine ox, nor thine ass, nor any of thy cattle…"*

[23]If the word "**rest**" is to be interpreted as attending church meeting services on the seventh day, then not including our animals would be to partially disobey the fourth commandment. If we do **NOT** include them, and if "**rest**" means "**the day of worship**" or the day to attend church meeting services, then we are not obedient to God's fourth commandment law or Sabbath day law. (We cannot obey part of God's command and ignore the other part, as most Sabbath day worshippers did and continue to do today, if we were to accept their definition of "rest").

There are 288 times the King James Bible (the Old and New Testament) uses the word "rest," and not once in any of their contexts does the verse refer to worship or attending "worship" services on the Seventh day, not

even Isaiah 66:23. (See [P38, 123-132] below).

[24]The Book of Exodus tells us exactly what God **meant**, commanded, wanted, or intended Israel to do on the seventh day. **Just days before the Ten Commandments were given, God's instruction for what was to be done on the Sabbath day was very clear: *"Abide ye every man in his place, let no man go out of his place on the seventh day"* (Exodus 16:29). So, what does this verse mean? It simply meant: "Don't leave your home on the Sabbath day." This was exactly what the children of Israel did. (This was except for special convocations where all Israel was commanded to assemble at the Tabernacle or Temple for a special meeting and instructions).**

[25]In Chapter 16 of Exodus, God clearly conveyed exactly what He meant and the reason for **resting** on the Sabbath day. Manna was just introduced to Israel (**a type of Christ and His body, as is written in John 6:32-58**), along with instructions NOT to go outdoors looking for it on the seventh day (**or to look for Christ elsewhere**). Nevertheless, on this day, some of the people still went outdoors looking for manna (Exodus 16:27). God was displeased with them and stated exactly what the people were to do on the seventh day in Exodus 16:29, which was what they actually did.

[26]Also, God commanded them not to kindle any fire on the Sabbath day because He knew that in the future, man would use fire to create or invent a more advanced, high-level, and efficient form of transportation and use it on this day. This, no doubt, was **PROOF** that God originally intended Israel to "rest" (meaning, "don't leave home" or "stay home") on the Sabbath day.

[27]If we were to presently follow the Laws of Moses, then this is exactly what we should all be doing on the Sabbath day. Leaving home, kindling fire (like driving cars or catching a bus, train, plane, etc.), or allowing "strangers within our gates" (meaning, within our control: hotels and their workers, taxi drivers, airport workers, pilots and crew, restaurant workers, **electricity workers**, telephone employees, etc.) to "kindle the fire" for us on this day was a direct violation of God's fourth commandment. Think about it for a moment: If everyone stayed at home on this day, there would be no need to request any of these services. Therefore, if the Sabbath-day law is for us today, there is no excuse for Sabbath-day worshippers to request or embrace these services. They would be in serious violation of God's fourth commandment.

Which day to worship? TWO

Proof of what Israel actually did and was commanded to do by God on the Sabbath day.

[28]God expanded His intended meaning of the fourth commandment in Exodus 35:2-3, which says*: "Six days shall work be done, but on the seventh day there shall be to you an holy day, a Sabbath of **rest** to the LORD: whosoever doeth work therein shall be **put to death**. Ye shall **kindle no fire** throughout your habitations upon the Sabbath day."* (The fulfillment of Exodus 35:2-3 in the New Testament is that if you try to get "salvation day rest" your own way [on your own works], or some other way apart from the new spiritual birth experience [the born-again way], you will be lost and cast into the lake of fire, which is called the second death).

[29]Imagine if **death** was the punishment given by God; then it would be very frightening not knowing the judgment of God in our day, if the church's rules conflict with what God actually meant. Do you think we can then trust some of our church leaders or their books for Bible truths? They will lead you into error. Remember what happened to the man who gathered sticks on the Sabbath day in Numbers 15:32-36?

[30]Examples of all this confusion can be seen in how Sabbath worshippers conduct themselves, which conflicts with the exactness of the fourth commandment. For example, you cannot start up or kindle a fire; thus, you cannot start up a car, turn on a stove, or do anything that starts or causes a fire. Your animals cannot work, nor your "manservant," "maidservant" (employees), nor a "stranger that

is within thy gate" (other persons working on your behalf and within your control). Therefore, operating electricity would be forbidden (no electrical appliances like fridges, lights, radios, televisions, electrical pumps, audio equipment, etc.) because the electrical company staff need to be working to make this all happen ("strangers" working on your behalf and within your control). You cannot use the telephone because the telephone company staff need to work. The same applies to the cable and television company staff, commercial flight staff, airport staff, transportation staff, hotel staff, restaurant staff, 24-hour security staff to protect personal property in a high-crime-infested society, and all others working on our behalf and within our control. All of these persons fit two forbidden categories outlined in the fourth commandment. They are "servants" and "strangers."

[31]Complicated Sabbath rules and regulations by the church would have to be constantly adjusted. This is because of changing modern machinery in everyday life and the rules needed to accommodate and adapt to all of these elements of change in today's society.

[32]To add to this complexity, one is never sure if the new church rules and regulations conflict with God's approved law. Our God is a God of order, exactness, and correctness and expects 100% obedience to His exact and precise command. Thus, these rules and regulations may be in direct contradiction to and in violation of God's laws. **If Christians believe they have to keep these laws to "gain" eternal life, then they are no longer sure or have no assurance of salvation**.

[33]This writer met a man who played a board game (chess) for a large monetary prize. He needed an assistant to press an electronic time-clock button for him after his move on the board was made. The reason for the assistant was that the Sabbath was still ongoing for another hour after the game started, and therefore, he needed a "non-Sabbath-day keeper" (or a "stranger") to press the timer button for him that was on the table next to his board game. His beliefs dictate that he is not allowed to use any electronic devices during the Sabbath. To do so, according to him, was in direct violation of God's law: the Fourth Commandment. However, he believes that an assistant (non-Sabbath-day worshippers) can help to avoid any breach on his behalf of the fourth commandment.

[34]Another story is told about a friend in need who was given groceries to cook for his dinner, but after finding out that the groceries were purchased on the Sabbath day, he refused to use them.

[35]Finally, another friend with no other way (except for walking) of going to and from church on the Sabbath day that was many miles away refused all public transportation after a friend convinced him that the transportation driver (classified as a stranger "within his gates," meaning "within his control") had to "work" to drive him to church by kindling fire. He therefore stopped going to church as a result.

[36]In these stories, this is how hopelessly sad Sabbath rules get in a changing modern society. One never knows how to properly draw the line without knowing for sure whether it conflicts with what God had intended it to mean. On Sabbath day, church leaders decide who can and cannot work on the Sabbath day, instructing those who can of a no-salary-collection work day rule (along with assigning them a "conscience-comforting" work title that gently comes across as "doing good on the Sabbath day"). If the truth be told, many of them do, in fact, receive a salary for work done on this day, which is well known among the church leaders. Thus, church rules keep changing to accommodate changes in modern society, pressure from demanding and highly prominent church members, or simply changes driven by the church's leader or the leadership team's preferences. (**This writer knows of a situation where governing Sabbath-day church leaders changed a strict Sabbath-day church rule to accommodate a highly recognized and well-known government official whose job required him to work on all days. Thus, they created a "religious," "conscience-comforting" title for him as a "shelter" for his national duties and responsibilities, preventing the titled rule from coming across as hypocrisy**).

Which day to worship? THREE

Juggling the "rest" and "worship" words in verses to make sense of them.

[37]The preciseness and exactness of the fourth commandment (the Sabbath day law) interpretation is "**REST,**" complete **REST** (Exodus 23:12, 31:15, 34:21, and many other verses). Absolutely, no work was allowed. Defining and clearly understanding what "**rest**," "**work**," and "**worship**" mean would solve the greatest controversial issue among "Sabbath" and "non-Sabbath" day worshippers.

[38]Below are some variations using the words "**rest**" and "**worship**" to explore and explain their meaning in Scripture.

1 **Matthew 11:28-30**

*Come unto me, all ye that labour 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. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.*

*Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you **worship**. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find **worship** unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.*

2 **Genesis 2:2**

*And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he **rested** on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.*

*And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he **worshipped** on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.*

3 **Exodus 23:12**

*Six days thou shalt do thy work, and on the seventh day thou shalt **rest**; that thine ox and thine ass may **rest**, and the son of thy handmaid, and the stranger, may be refreshed.*

*Six days thou shalt do thy work, and on the seventh day thou shalt **worship**; that thine ox and thine ass may **worship**, and the son of thy handmaid, and the stranger, may be refreshed.*

4 **Hebrews 4:1-9**

*Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his **rest**, any of you should seem to come short of it…For we which have believed do enter into **rest**, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my **rest**: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world. For he spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, And God did **rest** the seventh day from all his works…For if Jesus had given them **rest**, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day. There remaineth therefore a **rest** to the people of God.*

*Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his **worship**, any of you should seem to come short of it…For we which have believed do enter into **worship**, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my **worship**: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world. For he spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, And God did **worship** the seventh day from all his works…For if Jesus had given them **worship**, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day. There remaineth therefore a **worship** to the people of God.*

[39]**Rest** in the verses above and all others found in Scripture, and their meanings do not make sense when replaced with the word **worship**. Thus, rest means to lie down, refresh oneself, relax, sleep, etc. Worship is an entirely different word with another meaning [P18, 22-23, 37-38].

[40]**Did you know that most forms of worship, like Jesus Christ's methods of doing good (Luke 6:1-5), require "work"?** Think about it for a moment! The Jews did not think so because they placed their traditions over and above God's law. Walking in a corn field and picking corn for a meal was forbidden during Moses' era, but Jesus did it. He is Lord of the Sabbath, and our salvation rest Saviour.

[41]**Moses never commanded the children of Israel to worship God on the seventh day**. This was not found in any of the other laws, statutes, or judgments he gave.

[42]**So then, the question is: Where and when did attending a synagogue on the Sabbath day start? This was not seen**

anywhere in the pre-Babylonian captivity period.

*…**And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD...*** (Isaiah 66:20-24). See also Jeremiah 17:26; Ezekiel 45:17, 46:1-15; and Zechariah 14:16-21. These are the verses that brought about the Sabbath day worship traditional episode (its phenomenal customs and practices of attending a synagogue, the Jewish Temple, or a church building on the 7th day) during the Babylonian captivity, up to the time of the Messiah, Jesus Christ and continued even until today. **There are several interpretations of Isaiah 66:20-24 and the other verses listed from modern-day scholars and their commentary sources, so one has to be careful who the commentary authors are and their doctrinal views and beliefs. If authors are Sabbath day worshippers, they will definitely hold the view, according to their understanding of the verses above, that "all nations' day of worship will return to the 7th day, which is their Sabbath day of worship" in all eternity. (Therefore, it is then obvious among ancient scribes and scholars, according to their understanding as well, who were unable to see how events would play out when the Messiah arrives to reign, instead of waiting until then, this act of worship on the 7th day started and continued during their time in captivity. This was so because worshipping on the 7th day was unseen anywhere before Israel was taken by the Babylonians). If the authors of commentary sources are non-Sabbath day worshippers, then they will hold the view of a perpetual worship time in heaven in all eternity. However, the interpretation below of Isaiah 66:23 (read the entire Part Two section later in this document) holds more "weight" than all known commentaries, scholars, and their views.**

[43]As mentioned earlier, during and after the Babylonian captivity, **a new form of man-made Sabbath rules emerged** where the Jews began going to synagogues (a building or a new type of place not previously mentioned in Scripture except for **David's prophecy** or future foretelling in Psalm 74:8) on the Sabbath day. This became a **Jewish tradition** on the Sabbath day, and it was a very good one. This is because Jesus Christ in Scripture is also seen to have partially endorsed it (**perhaps with the future of Acts 20:7 and 1 Corinthians 16:1-2 in mind, and every week thereafter**) by going to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, thus signifying that it was good.

[44]However, Jesus took it beyond the Jewish traditional boundaries, which stirred up hatred, remorse, and anger among them. They themselves were doing the very same thing: changing rules and laws because of the changing times and society, as we see prevalent today among Sabbath-day worshippers. (Really and truly, in one sense, they worshipped **"the day,"** rather than the Lord of the Sabbath, which is another form of idolatry.

[45]Repeating the statement again for emphasis, there is nowhere in Scripture where going to a synagogue or a "church" building on the Sabbath day was commanded by God. Nevertheless, it was an excellent tradition among the Jews because God got the glory from it. (It also played its hand in the early Christian church meetings startup). This was why Jesus said what He did in John 4:21-24 (*"…the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet **at Jerusalem**, worship the Father...**the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth**…"*).

Which day to worship? FOUR

The greatest law in the Bible that was greater than the Ten Commandments, and was given long before Moses was born.

[46]The greatest law in the Bible, from the creation of man to this day, isn't the Ten Commandments laws. It was the blood-sacrificial law. This law was so important that it operated without any of the other laws and statutes. It was performed and practised long before Moses was given the **Old Covenant** (the Ten Commandments) written on *"two tables of stones"* (Deuteronomy 4:13, 9:9-11). This sacrificial law was one of the only

established laws given to man from the Garden of Eden to the establishment of the Ten Commandments law that was recorded and seen performed by Abel, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Job, etc.

[47]There were also Old Testament Gentile saints who were not following the Ten Commandments but were sacrificing lambs on altars to God. This was the accepted law given by God after man was driven out of the Garden of Eden (Numbers 22:40, 23:1-4, 14-17, 29-30). Even the heathen Philistines in 1 Samuel 6:1-18 knew that sacrificial offerings somehow took away sins because they appeased Israel's God.

[48]Hebrews 7:19 says: *"**For the law made nothing perfect**, but the bringing in of a better hope did…"* Therefore, we cannot be made perfect through the Ten Commandments. This can happen only by being made perfect through the "better hope," not by any other law. The "better hope" is the blood of our loving Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ:

*"Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, **Make you perfect** in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen"* (Hebrews 13:20-21). *"But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, **make you perfect**, stablish, strengthen, settle you. To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen"* (1 Peter 5:10-11). *"For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually **make the comers thereunto perfect**"* (Hebrews 10:1). *"Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man **perfect in Christ Jesus…**"* (Colossians 1:28). *"But when that which is **perfect** is come, then that which is in part shall be done away"* (1 Corinthians 13:10). ***"Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?"*** (**Galatians** 3:3).

[49](**Unfortunately, Ten Commandments worshippers, the Seventh-day Adventists, to be exact, claim that one can attain perfection by being obedient to the Ten Commandments).**

This SACRIFICIAL LAW was so important that Christians were commanded to regularly come together to <u>remember</u> and symbolically celebrate it as a memorial in the form of "The Lord's Supper," typifying Jesus' sacrificially bruised body and His shed blood for mankind. Also commanded, and tied to this important law, was baptism. Baptism for all believers was to be performed once after conversion, symbolizing the physical association with the sacrificial death, burial, and resurrection of our LORD and Saviour, Jesus Christ: death to sin and a new life with our sin-bearer.

The SACRIFICIAL LAW was the ONLY law that could single-handedly fix our sin problems and take them all away. The Ten Commandments never could have done this, nor could they make us perfect (Romans 5:12 and 1 John 1:8-10). That's because it was our "schoolmaster" (Galatians 3:24), like an X-ray machine or a mirror, to teach and show us our problems but could never fix or take them away (as one preacher so eloquently said). The sacrificial law ("repackaged" and "renamed" Grace) fixed our sin problem and took them ALL away. The Ten Commandments law made nothing perfect; Jesus Christ's blood did. His sacrificial act made us perfect before God (Hebrews 13:20-21; 1 Peter 5:10-11; Colossians 1:28).

[50]This law was so important that it is celebrated in two ordinances of the Christian church (the Lord's Supper and Baptism) and was "repackaged" and "renamed" in the New Testament scripture with the title called "**Grace**." This was after Jesus Christ's resurrection. But more importantly, Jesus' death made it so much easier for our sins to be forgiven (**without working**). It could now be

done simply by praying (**no physical work involved**).

[51]Moses CLEARLY declared, with **absolutely no mistaken misinterpretations** by using so many "**US**" words, that the Ten Commandments law was not given to Old Testament saints who had died and were not present at the time, but it was given ONLY to the children of Israel and their descendants who were alive and present on the day the Ten Commandments were made known. Therefore, pre-Ten Commandments Covenant saints ONLY had the sacrificial law to work with. Moses said:

> *The LORD our God made **a covenant** with **US** in Horeb. The LORD made **not** this covenant with our **fathers**, but with **US**, even **US**, who are all of **US** here alive this day.* (Deuteronomy 5:2-3)

[52]Hebrews 9:22 said, *"…without shedding of blood is no remission"* of sins. **Nowhere in the Book of Genesis do we see pre-Old Covenant saints keep the Ten Commandments laws or <u>REST on the seventh day</u>.** (If this were such an important forgiveness of sins, "salvation requirement," as many people today make it out to be, then both would have been supporting evidence, documented in the Book of Genesis). They therefore relied ONLY on the sacrificial law to have their sins forgiven.

[53]Praise the LORD for grace without the law: Jesus Christ's blood sacrifice repackaged and renamed "Grace." Without it, we would all have been lost and on a hopeless journey to the lake of fire. Thank God for the new covenant of grace contracted **ONLY** between God and His ONLY Son, Jesus Christ. Thus, all who are "IN Christ" are made new (1 Corinthians 5:17; Ephesians 2:10). The old covenant law that was contracted **ONLY** between God and the children of Israel **failed miserably. God's new covenant contract with His Son <u>did not fail and will continue forever, fulfilled as our salvation-day rest</u>!**

Which day to worship? FIVE

What instantly happens to someone who gets saved, or is born-again?

[54]The Old Testament **Ten** Commandments laws were **fulfilled** (repackaged and renamed) in the New Testament two commandment laws that say: "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16:31), which qualifies **"ye <u>MUST</u> be BORN AGAIN" spiritually speaking** (John 3:7), and love one another (1 John 3:22-24). So then, why is "work" (or obedience to these laws) no longer required when the individual is born again? The answer is that several things happen when the true New Birth experience (born-again) occurs. One of which is "**God Possession**!" The person becomes **GOD-POSSESSED!** As a result, the person starts radiating the fruit of the Holy Spirit, which *"…is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: **against such there is no law**"* (Galatians 5:22-23). When this occurs, there is no longer a need for an external law. **The new law is now built in** (Jeremiah 31:31-32).

[55]Like **"demon possession,"** where the evil spirit causes victims to do things (uncontrollably at times) against their will, the opposite is true with the Christian, where **"God possession"** causes the believer to automatically radiate all the fruit of God's indwelling Holy Spirit, and at the same time allows them (**God-possessed** believers) their own free will.

[56]A demon whose stronghold is lust: his victim will **radiate** uncontrollable lustful behaviour. If the demon's stronghold is lying, his victim will become a compulsive liar. The same is true with theft, adultery, fornication, homosexuality, murder, disobedience, etc. On the other hand, if **the fruit of God's Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance** (Galatians 5:22-23), after **God-possession** (after conversion or the new birth: born-again), the born-again believer will **radiate** these attributes of God's Holy Spirit,

which is why 2 Corinthians 5:17 said what it did *("Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new"*). If you (or someone you know) **do not** display these qualities of God's Spirit, then God is not living inside. There is/was no new birth experience: born-again. Examine yourself!

[57]Ephesians 5:9 says, *"For the fruit of the Spirit is in **ALL** goodness and righteousness and truth."* What does this verse mean? What do "in all goodness," "in all righteousness," and "in all truth" mean? Certainly, it DID NOT say, nor did it mean, "**in all things that are**." It said, in all goodness, righteousness, and truth. This simply meant that because the fruit of the Spirit is EVERYTHING, or **ALL** (no more and no less), that is good, ALL that is righteous, and ALL that is truth, there is really no need for anything else. Once you **internally** have (God's Spirit living inside of you, His fruit radiates) the fruit of the Spirit, you have **ALL** the GOODNESS, ALL the RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND ALL the TRUTH you will ever need. Everything inclusive! Everything you need! No need for anything else! **No** further **external** law is needed. All that is required or needed for salvation is now built in (Jeremiah 31:31-34).

[58]The fruit of God's indwelling Spirit mentioned above is also the "**works**" (Galatians 5:19-23) of God's Spirit radiating or working within the Christian; thus, the "**works**" of an external law (like the Ten Commandments) are no longer needed. This is so because the believer has the "works" built in (the works of the indwelling Spirit automatically **radiating** from the born-again Christian). Galatians 5:18 says: ***"…if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law,"*** or simply put, if you are **possessed** by the Holy Spirit and allow Him to lead you, there is no need for an external law. This is because Galatians 5:23 says (regarding the fruit of the Spirit): "against such there is no law." **This simply means that the new internal law of God (radiating from the Holy Spirit) is built into the born-again believer's "inward parts" and is written in their hearts, so there is no need for an external law.**

[59]Please notice that there is no "keeping the Sabbath day" law mentioned as a fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5:22-23; this is simply because worshipping God becomes a lifestyle when our bodies are **possessed** and joined together with the Holy Spirit.

For proof that born-again Christians no longer need an external law (like the Ten Commandments) because of the indwelling Holy Spirit, let's look at Jeremiah 31:31-34 carefully (fulfilled, as is mentioned in Hebrews 8:7-13). It says: ***"Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake**, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD: But **this shall be the covenant** that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, **I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts**; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. And **they shall teach no more every man** his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for **they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them,** saith the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."*

[60]The "**they**," "**their**," and "**them**" mentioned are born-again Christians in this text. Also, the "covenant" mentioned is the Ten Commandments. God did this by **"God-possession,"** or by walking into the body of the Christian believer, as was promised by Jesus Christ, pointing to the Comforter (the Holy Spirit), who will live inside and abide with the born-again Christian forever (John 14:15-26).

[61]Timothy 1:5 says, "The end of the commandment is charity…" LOVE (a fruit of God's Spirit) is the end of the Ten Commandments laws. So then, **"faith which worketh by love"** (Galatians 5:6) explains what is truly meant in Matthew 7:20: "…by their fruits ye shall know them;" therefore, "faith

without works is dead," in James 2:20, meaning: **faith without love is dead**.

[62]In Romans, Paul speaks of **Faith**—what God sees; on the other hand, James (the author of the Gospel of James) speaks of **Works**—what man sees. Man can only see what radiates from the believer or what's manifested through the works of the indwelling Spirit. He cannot see the believer's faith.

[63]1 John 5:13 says, *"…these things have I written unto you…that ye may know that ye have eternal life…"* What "things" is he talking about so that we can know **"NOW"** we have eternal life? The answer is everything said before his "these things" statement. For example, in Chapter 4, God is love, so if the Holy Spirit of love walks into your body **(God-possession)**, you cannot hate your brother or neighbour.

[64]Love, part of **the fruit of the Spirit**, can only **radiate** from the born-again Christian because of the indwelling Holy Spirit. You may be very angry with someone for a time, but not hate that person (Ephesians 4:26 says, *"Be ye angry, and sin not"*). If you hate someone, the Spirit of God does not and could not be living inside your body because God is love: **you are not a born-again believer according to 1 John 4:7-21** (read the whole chapter). Thus, "these things" are everything said from 1 John 1:1 to 1 John 5:12, so *"that ye may know that ye have eternal life"* (1 John 5:13). The Book of "1 John" is definitely an individual spiritual gauge to test whether you are truly a Christian and to know you have eternal life: you cannot be a Christian if you hate your brother(s) and cannot pray blessings for them or your neighbours.

Usually, praying blessings for someone you are extremely angry with quickly resolves an anger problem that may appear to be turning into hate. It may have developed for valid reasons, but if you can't pray for that person, then something may be wrong with your professed salvation: God may not be living inside your body.

Which day to worship? SIX

PROOF that the SALVATION DAY REST is the fulfillment and replacement of the fourth law of the Ten Commandments.

If you had a choice between the two, what would it be for you: **(1)** A "weekly" Sabbath Day Rest, or **(2)** the **"eternal" Salvation Day Rest** (Hebrews 5:9)? Choose wisely! The "weekly" Sabbath Day Rest law was fulfilled (perfected) and replaced with the "eternal" Salvation Day Rest. This is **THE DAY** when Christians were saved, **THE DAY** of the new birth in Christ, or **THE DAY** when God's Holy Spirit came to dwell within Christians. They were sealed, and were born again spiritually on **THIS DAY** and given eternal life (John 10:28; Romans 5:21; 1 John 5:11-13; also, 2 Corinthians 1:22, 6:2; Ephesians 1:13, 4:30).

Is the "Eternal" Salvation Day Rest the same as the "Eternal" Life in Jesus Christ?

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have ***everlasting life*** **(John 3:16)**. *And I give unto them* ***eternal life****; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand* **(John 10:28)**. *That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto* ***eternal life*** *by Jesus Christ our Lord* **(Romans 5:21)**. *But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end* ***everlasting life*** **(Romans 6:23)**. *And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even* ***eternal life*** **(1 John 2:25)**. *And this is the record, that God hath given to us* ***eternal life****, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of*

the Son of God; ***that ye may know*** *that ye have* ***eternal life****, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God* **(1 John 5:11-13)**. *And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and* ***eternal life*** **(1 John 5:20)**. ***And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him*** **(Hebrews 5:9)**.

[65]***And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight. And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment*** (1 John 3:22-23)**.** When 1 John 2:3 said, *"…if we keep his commandment,"* who was he (John) talking about? Who is the "his" in the above verse? Is he **Moses** or **Jesus**? The introduction in Chapter Two points to Jesus Christ: *"My little children…Jesus Christ the righteous…"* (I John 2:1-4). John continues in verse 7 of Chapter Two: *"Brethren, I write no new Commandment unto you, but an old commandment which ye had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which ye have heard from the beginning.* ***Again, a new commandment I write unto you****, which thing is true in him and in you: because* ***the darkness is past, and the true light now shineth****."* (What John meant was that our past understanding of the Ten Commandments law, especially the fourth law, was darkened, but is now revealed, enlightened, fulfilled, or understood). Then John goes on to explain the fulfillment of the love part of one of these new two-commandment laws (1 John 3:23). He said, "He that…hateth his brother, is in darkness even UNTIL NOW" (verse 9). Hatred for one's brother was not part of the Ten Commandments law (even though it is mentioned in Leviticus 19:18, and by Jesus in Matthew 5:43-44), and therefore it was included and fulfilled in the new two-commandment laws, as explained by John.

[66]The fulfillment of the Ten Commandments law, which is really **LOVE**, is all wrapped up in Jesus' New Testament law called Grace (the new birth, or born-again). If you **loved** God during Moses' day with "all thine heart, soul, and might" (Deuteronomy 6:5), you will automatically do (and live by) everything He said. Today, after the new birth, you will definitely love and not hate your brethren. Hate would not be a part of your new birth character (2 Corinthians 5:17) unless it was commanded by God's Word (e.g., hate iniquity or sin). To love God with that intensity is, no doubt, impossible without a supernaturally enhanced Helper (or Comforter).

[67]Once again, all of the Old Testament **Ten** Commandments laws are bundled up into the fulfillment of a **two-Commandment**, New Testament law, and those Laws are ***"Ye MUST be born again"*** (John 3:7), **by believing on the Lord Jesus Christ** (Acts 16:31; 1 John 3:23) and **love one another** (or, love your neighbours). The born-again, or new-birth experience Jesus described in **John 3:1-7** fulfills the fourth law of the Old Testament Ten Commandments. Jesus said in Matthew 5:17, ***"Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil."*** In other words, He did not come to "do away with" the Old Testament Ten Commandments laws, but to fulfill them, meaning to improve, complete, or to **PERFECT** them: ***For the law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope did: by the which we draw nigh unto God*** (Hebrews 7:19). This fulfillment (or **"a better hope"**) is the born-again law that is entered into by faith and faith alone, which has **PERFECTED** the Old Testament Ten Commandments law. Persons cannot enter into this New Testament, "born-again rest" law (the improvement, or fulfillment of the law), with unbelief or without faith, as the children of Israel did not enter into God's "Promised Land" rest because of unbelief (Hebrews 3:18-19).

[68]The **physical** weekly "rest" of the fourth commandment, Old Testament law, is the **spiritual** "entering into His eternal salvation rest" of the New Testament commandment law

(Hebrews 5:9). This was the new birth, or the born-again fulfillment law. (It was the *"**BELIEVE** on the LORD Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved"* law). For proof of this, the Children of Israel were faithfully keeping the Sabbath Day rest law, yet they still did not enter into the Promised Land rest. **The keeping of the Sabbath Day rest for them was not their "ticket" to the Promised Land.**

Similarly, keeping the weekly Sabbath Day rest law today is not a free "ticket" to heaven. Our Salvation Day (or our transformation day) rest is, and is kept by the blood of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

[69]It was solely pure faith in God that was needed. Notice that Hebrews Chapter Three said that they did not enter in because of **"unbelief"** and not because of keeping the fourth commandment law. They faithfully kept this law but did not make it in. The New Testament said, **"BELIEVE,"** but they did not BELIEVE; they were **UNBELIEVERS**.

The "weekly" Sabbath Day Rest law was fulfilled and replaced with the Salvation Day Rest, or correctly put: The "eternal" Salvation Day Rest. This is the day when Christians were saved, the day of the new birth in Christ, or the day when God's Holy Spirit came to dwell within Christians. They were sealed, and were born again spiritually on this day, and given eternal life (John 10:28; Romans 5:21; 1 John 5:11-13; also, 2 Corinthians 1:22, 6:2; Ephesians 1:13, 4:30).

[70]Now, what is the difference between 1 and 2 below?

CAN YOU SPOT THE DIFFERENCE?

1 The Old Commandments

(1) Thou shalt have no other gods before me. (2) Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image. (3) Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain. (4) Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. (5) Honour thy father and thy mother. (6) Thou shalt not kill. (7) Thou shalt not commit adultery. (8) Thou shalt not steal. (9) Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour. (10) Thou shalt not covet. (Exodus 20:1-17)

2 The New Commandments (Fulfilled, and Perfected): Matthew 5:17

(1) Thou shalt have no other gods before me. (2) Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image. (3) Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain. (4) Believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another. (5) Honour thy father and thy mother. (6) Thou shalt not kill. (7) Thou shalt not commit adultery. (8) Thou shalt not steal. (9) Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour. (10) Thou shalt not covet. (Exodus 20:1-17; 1 John 3:22-24)

[71]Is number two the correct interpretation and fulfillment of the Ten Commandments? Let us see what the scripture says of Jesus' new commandment. ***"And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight. And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment. And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us"*** (1 John 3:22-24). Please notice that ***"…dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us"*** **ONLY** points to the new birth in Christ and **nothing else** (the Comforter whom Jesus sent

after His resurrection to live within us **and no one else**).

[72]This new birth, or the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, only comes to those who have trusted Jesus as their Lord and Saviour, or those who have placed **their faith and belief** in Him. Notice that Jesus' disciples did not receive the Holy Spirit until several weeks after His resurrection. Old Testament saints received Him only when there was a task that needed to be performed; then He left after the task was completed. For New Testament saints, He will never leave or forsake the **individual** Christian (Hebrews 13:5). He will abide with them forever (John 14:16). For Old Testament saints, God would not leave the **nation of Israel** nor forsake them **as a nation** but would abide with them forever (Romans 11:25-26). **Also, notice that the statement *"love one another, as he gave us commandment"* can be applied to all the Ten Commandments except the fourth commandment law.**

[73]**Is the statement, "That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ," a part of the new (fulfilled and improved) Ten Commandments laws?** If you say no! You are **not** correct. **If you say yes, you are absolutely correct!** It is the fourth commandment, our holy and blessed **Salvation Day Rest**. The fourth commandment law points to (**and is fulfilled, or perfected in**) the **Salvation Day rest** in Jesus Christ (the eternal Salvation Day rest). 1 Timothy 1:5 says, *"Now the end of the commandment is **charity** out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned…"* Charity is love. **As mentioned above, "love one another" cannot be applied to the fourth commandment law. It can be applied to all the others.** (There are people who "keep" the Sabbath day law, but do not believe in God, our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ: John 14:6).

[74]Never again would we have to "**work**" for the forgiveness of sins (or for our salvation), as Old Testament saints did, which was by offering a sacrifice to God to have their sins forgiven. In the Old Testament, it was done by working: **raising or buying the animal sacrificial offering, examining it carefully for sickness, bruises, broken bones, faults, etc., then taking it, or journeying to Jerusalem, and giving it to the priest, who then performs everything instructed by the law of Moses (or the law of God)**. But now, we the New Testament believers simply **"rest" without "working," by simply "asking"** for the forgiveness of sins (or for our salvation in Christ). As God rested on the seventh day from all His works, we now no longer work for salvation (forgiveness of sins) but rest in it by asking God for it. Jesus had done all of the required work for us. We no longer have to work for the forgiveness of sins committed. We simply ask for it **anywhere, anytime**. Praise the Lord!

[75]*"And on the seventh day God **ended his work** which he had made; and **he rested** on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. And God **blessed** the seventh day, and **sanctified** it: because that in it he had **rested from all his work** which God created and made"* (Genesis 2:2-3).

The fulfillment of Genesis 2:2-3 can be read as follows:

And on the Salvation Day rest (the day Jesus paid our sin debt), **God ended his work which he had made** (the new creation in Christ: born-again, or the spiritual birth), **and He rested on** this Salvation Day rest (by sitting *on the right hand of God)* **from all His work which He had made** *(…after he had offered one sacrifice for sins **for ever** sat down on the right hand of God*: Hebrews 10:12). **And God blessed the** "eternal" Salvation Day rest (by giving born-again believers the gift of **eternal life**: John 10:28) **and sanctified it** (*By the which will we are **sanctified** through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all*: Hebrews 10:10) **because that in it He had rested from all His work which God created and made**.

[76]Jesus ended His work (as God ended His), which He did, and as a result, all believers can now rest from all their works for salvation (or the forgiveness of sins). And God blessed and sanctified the sacrificial **"work-to-rest"** offering that Jesus did, because in it He did the work by paying in full the awful price necessary so we can rest from all our works for salvation. Hebrews 4:1-11 points to this **work-**

to-rest change for eternal life by entering into God's Salvation Day rest.

Entering into Jesus' Eternal Salvation-Day Rest.

To understand Hebrews 4:1-11 below, mentally change "Sabbath-day" rest to "Salvation-day" rest.

"Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of ***entering into his rest****, any of you should seem to come short of it. For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.* ***For we which have believed do enter into rest****, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath,* ***if they shall enter into my rest****: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.* ***For he spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works.*** *And in his place again,* ***If they shall enter into my rest****. Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief: Again, he limiteth a certain day, saying in David, To day, after so long a time; as it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts. For if Jesus had given them rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day.* ***There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works****, as God did from his. Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief"* **(Hebrews 4:1-11)**.

[77]The Children of Israel kept the Sabbath Day, and therefore, these verses were not talking about keeping an actual day. (The word "labour" in the above verse meant "to do what scripture deems necessary to enter into God's rest: His salvation day rest"). Instead, the verses are referring to entering into a state of belief or non-belief (a state of faith or a non-faith belief). **Hebrews 4:1-11 above simply explains the transition from a weekly Sabbath rest to the eternal Salvation rest in Christ.** Keep in mind that the weekly Sabbath rest day is physical, but the eternal Salvation rest day is spiritual. (Anything "eternal" has to be spiritual).

OTHER VERSES TO READ WITH THE "SALVATION DAY REST" IN MIND

A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another (John 13:34). *This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you* (John 15:12). *Forasmuch as we have heard, that certain which went out from us have troubled you with words, subverting your souls, saying, Ye must be circumcised, and keep the law: to whom we gave no such commandment* (Acts 15:24). *For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself* (Romans 13:9). ***Who is made, not after the law of a carnal commandment, but after the power of an endless life... For there is verily a disannulling of the commandment going before for the weakness and unprofitableness thereof*** (Hebrews 7:16, 18). *Brethren, I write no new commandment unto you, but an old commandment which ye had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which ye have heard from the beginning. Again, a new commandment I write unto you, which thing is true in him and in you: because the darkness is past, and the true light now shineth* (1 John 2:7-8). *And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment* (1 John 3:23). *And now I beseech thee, lady, not as though I wrote a new commandment unto thee, but that which we had from the beginning, that we love one another. And this is love, that we walk after his commandments. This is the commandment, That, as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it* (2 John 1:5-6). *Master, which is the great commandment in the law? Jesus said unto*

him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. ***On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets*** (Matt. 22:36-40). *And one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that he had answered them well, asked him, Which is the first commandment of all? And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord: And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.* ***There is none other commandment greater than these.*** *And the scribe said unto him, Well, Master, thou hast said the truth: for there is one God; and there is none other but he: And to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love his neighbour as himself, is more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices* (Mark 12:28-33). *"And I know that his commandment is* ***life everlasting****: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak"* (John 12:50).

[78]Notice that *"believe on the Lord Jesus Christ"* (the fourth commandment law fulfillment) is not mentioned in verses spoken by Jesus above (except for the term *"believe on me"*) because **He is the one to believe in, along with believing in His messages**. However, Jesus repeats this statement in many other places throughout the four Gospels, particularly the Gospel of John (John 1:12, 8:46, **9:35-37**, 10:38, 11:42, 12:44, **14:1**, 11, 16:9, **17:20**).

[79]His commandment above in John 12:50 is **"life everlasting."** Does this "life everlasting" statement apply, or is it attributed to all the children of Israel in the Old Testament who were obedient to the fourth commandment law, **only out of fear of punishment from God, but lacked the faith thereof?** Can you sincerely answer this question?

Again, if you had a choice between the two, what would it be for you: (1) A "weekly" Sabbath Day Rest, or (2) the "eternal" Salvation Day Rest (Hebrews 5:9)? Choose wisely!

[80]Remember, Moses pointed to Christ as the coming prophet (Deuteronomy 18:15; Acts 3:22 and 7:37), and instructed Israel that everything He (Jesus) commanded thereafter should be done or followed. Thus, His new instructions override everything he (Moses) commanded. Read [P81-87] below. Finally, as born-again believers, let us thank God for His Salvation Day rest (which is our "conformation-day," or "transformation-day" rest). ***For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son…*** (Romans 8:29). ***…be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind…*** (Romans 12:2). ***Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new*** (2 Corinthians 5:17). Finally, 2 Corinthians 6:2 said, *For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in* ***the day of salvation*** *have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold,* ***now is the day of salvation****.*

Which day to worship? SEVEN

Proof that Moses pointed to Jesus Christ as Christianity's ONLY modern-day prophet "of the Highest."

[81]This section does not need much deliberation; therefore, we will let Scripture speak for itself.

[82]**The Muslim modern-day prophet is the Prophet Muhammad. The Seventh-day Adventist modern-day prophet is Ellen G. White. CHRISTIANITY'S MODERN DAY PROPHET IS NONE OTHER THAN OUR**

LORD AND SAVIOUR, JESUS CHRIST, WHO IS ALIVE TODAY AND NOT DEAD, AS IS THE CASE WITH ALL OF THE OTHER PROPHETS? ALL OTHER PROPHETS ARE FALSE!

[83]In the Book of Deuteronomy 18:15, Moses said, *"The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken."* The New Testament qualifies this by referencing this prophet to Jesus Christ. Stephen, who saw *"heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God"* (Acts 7:55-56), being full of the Holy Ghost and under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, confirms this, and referred to Jesus Christ by saying, *"This is that Moses, which said unto the children of Israel, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear. This is he, that was in the church in the wilderness with the angel which spake to him in the mount Sina, and with our fathers: who received the lively oracles to give unto us*" (Acts 7:37).

[84]For additional proof, see Matthew 13:57, 21:11, 46; **Luke 1:76**, 7:16, **13:33, 24:19**; John 4:19, 6:14, 7:40; 9:17; **Acts 3:23**. Prophet Jesus is *"…the **author** and **finisher** of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God"* (Hebrews 12:2).

[85]**IF JESUS CHRIST IS ALIVE TODAY (AND HE IS), THEN HE ALONE IS CHRISTIANITY'S MODERN DAY PROPHET, AND NO ONE ELSE**. Anyone else is a false prophet!

Some of the verses listed are (Luke 1:76) *And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;* (Luke 13:33) [Jesus is the speaker here] *Nevertheless I must walk to day, and to morrow, and the day following: for it cannot be that a prophet perish out of Jerusalem.* (Luke 24:19) *And he said unto them, What things? And they said unto him, Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, which was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people:* (Acts 3:23) *And it shall come to pass, that every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people.* (That prophet has spoken, and His words are written in the New Testament Scripture. Therefore, remember what is written in Revelation 22:18-20).

[86]Jesus said: "…if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins" (John 8:24).

[87]How do you relate this to Jesus being that prophet and no one else? If you are holding onto **another** prophet, then you cannot be Jesus' disciple. (Scripture confirms this in Matthew 6:24 and Luke 16:13). However, if you are a born-again Christian and decided to embrace another prophet (or a religious organization that does), this is called **spiritual adultery. Romans 1:31 calls these people *"covenantbreakers,"*** that is, being **covenantly** married to Jesus Christ, then seeking an unfaithful relationship with another person (Jeremiah 3:20; Isaiah 57:8; **Romans 7:3-4; 1 Corinthians 7:39**).

Word for word (copied date is June 28, 2026): The Gift of Prophecy in the *Fundamental Beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist* manual number 18.

The Scriptures testify that one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit is prophecy. **This gift is an identifying mark of the remnant church, and we believe it was manifested in the ministry of Ellen G. White. Her writings speak with prophetic authority and provide comfort, guidance, instruction, and correction to the church.** They also make clear that the Bible is the standard by which all teaching and experience must be tested. (Num. 12:6; 2 Chron. 20:20; Amos 3:7; Joel 2:28, 29; Acts 2:14-21; 2 Tim. 3:16, 17; Heb. 1:1-3; Rev. 12:17; 19:10; 22:8, 9.)

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As a result of number 18 above, called *The Gift of Prophecy*, the Seventh Day Adventist (SDA) church claimed to be the only true Christian church today, and Ellen G. White (EGW) is their modern-day prophet. According to SDA teachings, all of Ellen G. White's writings are inspired and are on the same spiritual level or plain as the 66 books

of the Holy Scriptures. She and her writings have just as much authority according to the church as all of the Old and New Testament writers.

Which day to worship? EIGHT

Understanding the fulfillment of the word "remember" and the words "keep it holy" in Exodus 20:8, when compared to what Jesus said in Luke 22:19 and what Paul admonishes us to do (keeping it holy) in 1 Corinthians 11:17-34.

[88]What does "remember the Sabbath day" mean? The answer is to "remember and reflect on what God did at creation" (the first creation). Thus, the first man, Adam (**not literally, but symbolically**), stopped work, rested, lay down, slept, etc., and reflected on what God did at creation. What does Jesus mean by saying, *"This do in remembrance of me?"* The answer is: remember Jesus' broken body, shed blood (the Lord's Supper, or "breaking bread"), and all that He did at Calvary (the second creation: the new birth) to pay all of our sin debt in full.

[89]What does **"keep it holy"** in the Old Testament mean? The answer is **to do all that was commanded by God to be done on this day**. (See [P96] below). Those who disobeyed were commanded to be put to death in the Old Testament. Similarly, in the New Testament, what does "keep it holy" mean for Christians **as it relates to the fulfillment of the fourth law of the Ten Commandments**? The answer is to **examine yourselves, ensuring that you are worthy to partake of the Lord's Supper** (**1 Corinthians 11:27-30**). Those who disobeyed or were unworthy were/are sickly, and many died (God's judgment of sickness and death for not keeping it holy). In both the Old and New Testaments, this was the penalty for not following God's instructions for "keeping it holy" (Exodus 20:8; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34). Both must be done properly and reverently, or suffer the penalty of sickness or death.

…This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come. Wherefore ***whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.*** *But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup.* ***For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself****, not discerning the Lord's body.* ***For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep*** (1 Corinthians 11:25-30).

[90]**"Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy"** (Exodus 20:8): Remember this day to reflect on God's creation WEEKLY. Physically, a one-day-every-week rest, to reflect on what God did by creating the earth and everything on it called the weekly Sabbath Day rest. **"This do in remembrance of me" (Luke 22:19; 1 Corinthians 11:24)**. Remember to do this to reflect on God's new creation in Christ, or what He did ONCE. **(Keep in mind that when the requirement for the new birth in Christ is done ONCE, several things happen as explained at [P54-64]).** First Corinthians 11:24 is symbolic, reflecting on an eternal Salvation Day rest that points to what God did at Calvary. The first man, Adam (relating to Old Testament saints), was instructed to **remember** what God did the day He created the universe. The last man, Adam (relating to New Testament saints), was instructed to **remember** the new birth in Christ and what He did at Calvary. Humanity was also required to activate, or embrace, this new birth or born-again experience by performing the following:

That if thou shalt **confess with thy mouth** the Lord Jesus, and shalt **believe in thine heart** that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation (Romans 10:9-10).

[91]Performing this symbolic act or gesture of the Lord's Supper (or the breaking of bread on the first day of each week) is seen practised weekly by the early Christians, representing (and "remembering") what He did for us at Calvary.

EXAMINE THE PROGRESSION

The fourth commandment reads, **"Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy."** All the other laws of the Ten Commandments were fulfilled and are built into **"the fruit of the Spirit."** The indwelling of the Holy Spirit is only attained by being born again. However, this new birth is the fulfillment of the fourth commandment law: our salvation day rest in Christ (1 John 3:22-24).
(1) **Remember** the Sabbath Day to keep it holy. (2) **Remember** the day of rest to keep it holy. (3) **Remember** the day of salvation (rest) and keep it holy daily. (4) **Remember** the Lord's Supper to keep it holy. (5) **Remember** what Jesus did at Calvary (the suffering, pain, blood loss, and crucifixion) for our sins, to keep it holy. (6) **Remember GOD** and what He did for you, and always keep **yourself** holy! (Romans 12:1).

[92]So then we see that the fourth commandment, the Sabbath law, has the same similarities as 'the Lord's Supper,' also called 'the breaking of bread,' and both (as mentioned before), if not done as instructed by God, brought about the penalty of suffering and death.

[93]What did it cost God to create man? It cost Him breath, or spirit (God is a Spirit, and He does not breathe the oxygen He created; it was a spirit-Life breathing source that came from Him only), and the dirt from the ground of the earth that He made. What did it cost God to perform the new birth experience (a new creation in Christ)? The answer is death to His physical body (along with intense suffering and great blood loss). Thus, since the first creation, humans have been required to REST one day each week (**repeated REST**). Man's requirement from the second creation was so great that he was/is required to remember and reflect on every moment of what happened at Calvary (one sacrifice fulfilled as **an eternal rest day**): **a rest day not needing to be repeated**, only remembered.

[94]Now, imagine the Temple of God being a place that was "blessed" and "sanctified" (as was "the seventh day" in Genesis 2:3). Then God allowed it to be defiled and destroyed later. Like "the Day," does it sound like an ONLY "place" or "time" of worship? "The Day" could not have ONLY been "the day" for worship like the Temple. Thus, there are no differences between what God "**blessed**" and "**sanctified**" (Genesis 2:3): the day or the temple. It could not have been the ONLY place for worship. It also could not **have been designated ONLY for worship**. As mentioned earlier, this is because worship is a lifestyle, and those who worship God do so in spirit and in truth. This can be done anywhere and at any time. If the Temple was destroyed, then worship would have been destroyed along with it. If "the day" was destroyed (the seventh day taken out of our weekly calendar and changed to six days a week), worship would have been destroyed as well. **Worship, therefore, cannot be attached to a physical "place" or "a day." Worship must then be a spiritual lifestyle.**

[95]Noticed, to worship God that is acceptable unto Him, one must do so in truth (the truth of His Word) as well as in Spirit. ***God is a Spirit: and they that worship him <u>must</u> worship him in spirit and in truth*** (John 4:24). You cannot be embracing a false truth (a false religion) and expect God to accept your worship. Remember, He is no respecter of persons (Acts 10:34), and His blessings fall, or rain, on the just and the unjust alike (the unjust person prays to Him and, most likely, gets their prayers answered as well. However, this "answer to prayers" will be used against the unjust person as an "evident witness" before they are cast into the Lake of Fire). This also applies to praise and worship time, or "the worship experience" as some churches call it, that is not performed in biblical or godly truth (being just a form of worldly entertainment). As Matthew 15:8 puts it: *This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me.*

[96]Is the command to worship found in Genesis 2:3? The answer is NO! Is the command to worship found in Exodus 20:8? The answer again is NO! So then, how was Israel supposed to "keep the Sabbath day holy"? The answer is that they were supposed

to follow God's instructions on what to do on "this day." Those instructions were: **(1)** Do not leave home on the Sabbath day unless there was a command to assemble at the Tabernacle or Temple for further instructions from God. **(2)** Don't kindle fire on the Sabbath day. [P24-27] (This simply meant that anything that creates or starts a fire, even for **lighting**, was not allowed. The fire for lighting would have had to be burning the day before, just before sunset, without adding oil when Sabbath day starts. The oil represents the Holy Spirit and is meant to always be burning: *The fire shall ever be burning upon the altar; it shall never go out* (Leviticus 6:13). **(3)** Do not let your animals, servants, or visiting strangers work or do anything that would cause them to have to work on your behalf [P22-23]. **(4)** Rest, do no work, lie down, relax, sleep, and reflect on what God did at creation.

[97]Also, to end here, God said in the first creation (the first man, Adam) in Exodus 20:8, *"**Remember** the Sabbath day to keep it holy."* Jesus said in the second creation (the last man, Adam) in Luke 22:19, *"…This is my body which is given for you: <u>this do</u> in **remembrance** of me."* (Read Romans 5:12-21; 2 Corinthians 5:17; 1 Corinthians 15:45). In other words, originally, there was one day of Sabbath <u>rest</u> each week to **remember** the first creation and everything God did. Now, the second man, Adam (Jesus Christ), is to remember Calvary (the fulfillment of the fourth commandment, which is the **eternal salvation <u>rest</u>**) every day, or every moment of the Christian's life (Hebrews 4:1-11). This is what Jesus Christ did once (He did not repeat Salvation Day rest every week), and He did it for all born-again saints today and forever.

Which day to worship? NINE

Exposing the false claim that Paul's letters are only valid to the church they were written to and providing proof that they were written to all born-again believers in all churches.

[98]Sabbath day worshippers believe and claim that 1 Corinthians 16:1-2 was directed only to the Corinthian Church. Upon examining verse one (*"Now concerning the collection for the **saints**, as I have given order to the **churches** of Galatia, even so do ye"*), we see that because of the words, "saints," "churches," and "ye," this was not the case. Paul, inspired by God, gave this command to all saints. (Remember that Christians had to flee their homelands, including Corinthian believers, due to persecution, and traveled to other nations carrying the gospel message with them, which includes Paul's letters to the churches). Furthermore, suppose Christians held the view that Paul's letters to the churches were directed only to the people to whom they were addressed. In that case, it creates a serious doctrinal problem for all believers today, including Sabbath-day worshippers. For example, if Seventh-Day Adventist worshippers adopted this view (which they did), then were the laws of **Moses** and the sacrificial law for the Children of Israel ONLY, and not Gentiles? In Scripture, we see that Gentile saints were also sacrificing lambs on altars to God, and God appeared to have accepted them. (Numbers 22:40, 23:1-4, 14-17, 29-30; 1 Samuel 6:1-18).

[99]It is generally agreed in all Christian circles that the Apostle Paul's letters were written to all churches and for all Christians to be used, as 2 Timothy 3:16 puts it: *All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.* Therefore, to single out verses and twist them to fit one's religious beliefs is not wise, honest, or truthful. It is not good Christian ethics to do so.

Which day to worship? TEN

Ellen G. White's Investigative Judgment theory and the different fundamental doctrines that were established as a result of this unbiblical false claim.

[100]There are Sabbath-day worshippers (the Seventh-day Adventists, to be exact) who believe that when Jesus ascended into heaven from the mount, leaving behind His disciples, He entered an outer apartment or department in heaven until October 22, 1844. Between His ascension and this date, according to them, He performed a ministry of intercession and forgiveness, typifying the function of the priest in the Old Testament in Leviticus chapter 16, before entering the Holy of Holies.

This is Seventh-day Adventist doctrine that is held today: *Ellen G. White's Cleansing of the Heavenly Sanctuary and the Investigative Judgment Theory*

[101]They continue by saying that on October 22, 1844, Jesus entered for the first time into another apartment or department called the heavenly sanctuary, or the Holy of Holies, in heaven to make atonement and present His blood for the cleansing of sins, starting with the righteous dead and then moving onto the righteous living. Jesus now starts the process of what is called **the Investigative Judgment** to identify all saints who professed to believe in God.

[102]As the Investigative Judgment begins (like a Commission of Inquiry), all humans who lived, starting from Adam, will have their life's record investigated. Every deed done will be closely examined with "terrible exactness"; every wrong word, every selfish act, every unfulfilled duty, every secret sin, etc., will come up to be examined. When the examination of the righteous dead is complete, a list of those who are eligible for eternal life is prepared, Jesus would begin examining the records and activities of the "righteous" living with the same examination methods and exactness as with the righteous dead.

[103]However, because these humans are still living, extreme caution is encouraged. This is because no one knows when their name will come up for scrutiny. At the moment your name comes up to be examined, if there are any sins present (unfaithfulness to Sabbath day rules, lying, stealing, or any **forgotten** or unforgiven sins), they will stand against you during this judgment. All persons with unconfessed sins will not qualify for eternal life; their names will be blotted out of the book of life, and the record of their good deeds will be erased from the book of God's remembrance; they will lose out on the greatest gift that any human can get, and that is **eternal life**.

[104]Our acts, our words, even our most secret motives, all have their weight in deciding our destiny. Though we may forget them, they will bear their testimony to justify or condemn us. They will go before us to the Judgment.

[105]Everyone living character MUST demonstrate perfect obedience to the Ten Commandments law, primarily the fourth commandment: the Sabbath. **Some professed believers will be accepted, and others will be rejected:** names are accepted, and names are rejected.

[106]When the Investigative Judgment is completed for both the dead and the living, Jesus will plead his blood before the Father for those who qualified for eternal life, and their sins will **only then be blotted out** or cleansed from the record books in heaven.

[107]At the end of the Investigative Judgment, Jesus then takes the sins of the chosen remnant, or those who qualified for eternal life, and places them on Satan, who represents the scapegoat in Leviticus Chapter 16, to bear and become the ultimate responsibility for all the sins of those chosen. Satan now becomes the sin bearer.

[108]Now, the period at the end of the Investigative Judgment and just before the second coming of Christ, those living who were qualified for eternal life WILL have to be living perfect lives because they will no longer have an intercessor; if they sin, their sins will be on

their own heads, resulting in being lost forever when Jesus returns.

[109]All persons who did not qualify for eternal life during the Investigative Judgment process will be cast into the lake of fire and will be annihilated or blotted out from existence and will exist no more. Then Satan will be cast into the lake of fire to experience intense suffering for a time and will be annihilated afterward, or blotted out from existence (he will cease to exist).

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Christ's Ministry in the Heavenly Sanctuary: There is a sanctuary in heaven, the true tabernacle that the Lord set up and not humans. In it Christ ministers on our behalf, making available to believers the benefits of His atoning sacrifice offered once for all on the cross. At His ascension, He was inaugurated as our great High Priest and began His intercessory ministry, which was typified by the work of the high priest in the holy place of the earthly sanctuary. **In 1844, at the end of the prophetic period of 2300 days, He entered the second and last phase of His atoning ministry, which was typified by the work of the high priest in the most holy place of the earthly sanctuary. It is a work of investigative judgment which is part of the ultimate disposition of all sin, typified by the cleansing of the ancient Hebrew sanctuary on the Day of Atonement.** In that typical service the sanctuary was cleansed with the blood of animal sacrifices, but the heavenly things are purified with the perfect sacrifice of the blood of Jesus. The investigative judgment reveals to heavenly intelligences who among the dead are asleep in Christ and therefore, in Him, are deemed worthy to have part in the first resurrection. It also makes manifest who among the living are abiding in Christ, keeping the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus, and in Him, therefore, are ready for translation into His everlasting kingdom. This judgment vindicates the justice of God in saving those who believe in Jesus. It declares that those who have remained loyal to God shall receive the kingdom. The completion of this ministry of Christ will mark the close of human probation before the Second Advent. (Lev. 16; Num. 14:34; Ezek. 4:6; Dan. 7:9-27; 8:13, 14; 9:24-27; Heb. 1:3; 2:16, 17; 4:14-16; 8:1-5; 9:11-28; 10:19 22; Rev. 8:3-5; 11:19; 14:6, 7; 20:12; 14:12; 22:11, 12.)

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See the above for the meaning of Ellen G. White's Investigative Judgment Theory. Below are some of the beliefs that were established as a result of it.

Adventists believe that when God forgives sin, the sin record remains on the books in heaven on the sinner's account and is not "blotted out" until the person's name comes up and passes the Investigative Judgment examination.

Adventists believe that one trusts Christ and is forgiven for past sins **only**, but their sanctification or obedience to God's law (the Ten Commandments, called works) becomes the ultimate criterion of being accepted by God and passing the Investigative Judgment examination. The passing grade award of the Investigative Judgment examination is eternal life. Thus, one can never say they are saved or are assured of salvation. God's holy law is the only way by which we can determine whether we are keeping his way or not.

Adventists believe what Ellen White said, that NO ONE who does not keep the Sabbath on the last day would be saved. She also said that those who died before 1844 were not guilty of the sin of violating the seventh-day Sabbath.

Adventists believe Christ came to give His people a second chance (meaning: a second trial, a second probation, or a second test) to prove their loyalty and obedience to the Ten Commandments, especially the Sabbath. This is to see whether man would keep the commandments or walk in the path of transgression as Adam did. If Christ kept the law with perfect obedience, according to them, then man can certainly keep the law with

perfect obedience as Christ did, and he **"must"** do so before he can be awarded eternal life.

Adventists believe that the blood atonement was not completed at the cross; it was completed on October 22, 1844, the day Jesus Christ went into the Holy of Holies in heaven.

Adventists believe that an actual place called Hell does not exist, according to them; therefore, when someone dies, they cease to exist. There is no going to heaven the moment the breath leaves the body. There is no eternal punishment or suffering in the lake of fire; the body simply burns up or is annihilated. There is no "spirit" side or part to our bodies; all is flesh (what is seen on the body's external parts); therefore, when man dies, the grave is the end until God commands all body parts to reconnect and come back together to appear before Him for a final judgment.

The serious question this view creates is: What happened to Jesus Christ (God, who was clothed in a body of flesh, blood, and bones) when He died?

The Adventist church claims to be the only true Christian church today. Ellen G. White is their modern-day prophet, and all her writings are inspired and on the same spiritual level as the 66 books of the Holy Bible. She and her writings have just as much authority as all of the New Testament writers.

Her investigative judgment theory holds together many fundamental Adventist views and beliefs.

[110]The above Investigative Judgment theory is not found anywhere in Scripture. Therefore, it should not be used as a claim that the process and functions of the **earthly** sanctuary (as instructed to Moses by God) are an identical pattern to what goes on in heaven. There are no verses in Scripture that confirm, prove, or support this view. (Moses simply carried out instructions from God on how to build the tabernacle and how to conduct and perform tabernacle procedures. He was shown its pattern but was not told that it was how heaven was run). Seventh-day Adventists believe that because angels revealed this message to their prophet, this theory can then be trusted.

They could not have been angels from God.

The Bible **warns** us of *"…some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ.* ***But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.*** *As we said before,* ***so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed."*** (Galatians 1:7-8). The Scripture is very clear on this issue with **no exceptions!** Who are the **"WE"** in the above verses? The Apostles, or others! Therefore, any other gospel (doctrine) preached that was not done by the Apostles (or not written by them), let him or **her** be **accursed!** (See Revelation 22:19).

[111]No one knows the pattern of life in heaven, and if Christianity's prophet (Jesus Christ) did not elaborate on it, and it is not found in scripture, then it must not be trusted.

[112]**Jesus did not go into the so-called Holy of Holies or "the Holy place" in heaven; instead He sat down on the right hand of God. (All of heaven is holy! Wherever God's presence is, all around Him is holy; no more and no less. If He lives in Heaven, then all of Heaven is absolutely, entirely, fully, perfectly, thoroughly, or totally holy).**

Can God sit in one place for seven thousand years or more without moving?

[113]*By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins:* ***But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;*** (Hebrews 10:10-12). ***But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.*** (2 Peter 3:8) **Can God sit in one place (or spot) for seven days? (Seven days**

equal seven thousand years with God). Read of Ezekiel, who lay in one position for three hundred and ninety days on his left side, then forty days on his right side (Ezekiel 4:4-6).

[114]Adventists claimed many unscriptural views, as mentioned above, one of them being that "Satan becomes the sin bearer" and not Jesus Christ, as mentioned in Ellen White's early writings, whom they accept as their modern-day prophet. However, when we examine Scripture, we discover that this is not true. **If a so-called prophet makes an unbiblical false prophetic claim, then years later changes this claim to line up with Scripture, is this person a true prophet of God?** Jesus Christ, Christianity's ONLY modern-day prophet, said in John 14:6, *I am the way, **the truth**, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.* There is therefore no one else, and no other **truth** that can come from anyone or anything else.

Who Bears Our Sins?

Ellen G. White said, Satan! [P107]

"When Christ, by virtue of His own blood, removes the sins of His people from the heavenly sanctuary at the close of His ministration, He will place them upon Satan, who, in the execution of the judgment, must bear the final penalty." **Ellen White** (1827-1915): "So Christ, at the close of His work as mediator, will appear, "without sin unto salvation," … As the priest, in removing the sins from the sanctuary, confessed them upon the head of the scapegoat, so Christ will place all these sins upon Satan, the originator of sin. The scapegoat, bearing the sins of Israel, was sent away "unto a land not inhabited," so Satan, bearing the guilt of all the sins which he has caused God's people to commit, will be for a thousand years confined to the earth, …" (Maranatha, p. 252, 1976). **Ellen White**: "It was seen, also, that while the sin offering pointed to Christ as a sacrifice, and the priest represented as a mediator, the scapegoat typified Satan, the author of sin, upon whom the sins of the truly penitent will finally be placed. When the high priest, by virtue of the blood of the sin offering removed the sins from the sanctuary, he placed them upon the scapegoat. When Christ by virtue of His own blood, removes the sins of His people from the heavenly sanctuary at the close of His ministration, He will place them upon Satan, who, in the execution of the judgment, must bear the final penalty" (GC, p. 422). **Ellen White** (1827-1915): "Some apply the solemn type, the scape goat, to Satan. This is not correct. He cannot bear his own sins. At the choosing of Barabbas, Pilate washed his hands. He cannot be represented as the scape goat…Christ was the scape goat, which the type represents. He alone can be represented by the goat borne into the wilderness. He alone, over whom death had no power, was able to bear our sins" (The Scapegoat in the Writings of Ellen G. White, Alberto R. Timm, Ellen White Estate, [taken from the internet on Oct 26, 2013]; Manuscript 112, 1897). **Note:** This is the only quote wherein Ellen White distinctly identified the scapegoat as Christ. Perhaps, God has preserved this statement as a proof of what Ellen White actually believed. If the Church would accept this statement to be a true revelation from God, then the whole doctrine of the sanctuary crumbles to the ground! For this reason they ignore this statement. **Ellen White's earliest statement on the scapegoat** (made 39 years earlier) contradicts her 1897 statement "that Satan cannot bear his own sins." See the following: "Satan not only bore the weight and punishment of his sins, but the sins of all the redeemed host had been placed upon him…" (1SG, p. 217, 1858; EW, pp. 294, 295, 1882). **Note:** In 1846 Ellen White "endorsed" Crozier's view that Azazel represented Satan, and the 'cleansing of the heavenly sanctuary' to mean the removal of accumulated, confessed sins, by placing them on the head of Satan. Strangely enough, she changed her view in 1897, 51 years after attesting Crozier's view. The sad truth about Crosier was that he being the architect of the sanctuary doctrine, repudiated both the Sabbath and the sanctuary teaching and left the movement in 1847. **The**

Scapegoat – Ellen White Truth, log on to: (https://www.ellen-white-truth.com/gems-from-other-books/the-scapegoat/).

The Bible said, Jesus!

Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed (1 Peter 2:24). *So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation* (Hebrews 9:28). *For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him* (2 Corinthians 5:21).

Which day to worship? ELEVEN

Proof that "the law of God" and "the law of Moses" are the same, and therefore, Acts 15:1-41 applies to the Ten Commandments law.

[115]Now, to respond to the comment mentioned in the introduction: **Are THE LAW OF MOSES and THE LAW OF GOD the same, or are both laws separate and distinct from each other?** Is THE LAW OF GOD the Ten Commandments ONLY? Is THE LAW OF MOSES all the other laws and statutes?

[116]Moses said, God *"…wrote upon the tables* ***the words of the covenant, the ten commandments****"* (Exodus 34:28). Now, the question is what covenant is Moses talking about? Moses also said, *"And he declared unto you his covenant, which he commanded you to perform****, even the Ten Commandments****; and he wrote them upon two tables of stones"* (Deuteronomy 4:13). *"When I was gone up into the mount to receive the tables of stone, even the tables of the covenant which the LORD made with you…And the LORD delivered unto me two tables of stone written with the finger of God; and on them was written according to all the words, which the LORD spake with you in the mount…the LORD gave me the two tables of stone, even the tables of the covenant"* (Deuteronomy 9:9-13). *"So I turned and came down from the mount, and the mount burned with fire: and the two tables of the covenant were in my two hands"* (Deuteronomy 9:15).

[117]What is clearly shown in these verses is that the actual words of the covenant were the Ten Commandments, or the Ten Commandments were the covenant. Also, with the word "covenant" **clearly** referring to the Ten Commandments, please read Jeremiah 31:31-34 again. These verses, along with the covenant, are written several paragraphs above [P59].

[118]Now, because the nation of Israel and their descendants were so largely and widely spread over miles and miles of land, for them to have copies of God's commandments, He gave them His charges, statutes, judgments and testimonies (all of them) written in a single book that was copied and distributed to the Levitical priesthood throughout the twelve tribes of Israel. As a result, many verses throughout the Old and New Testament scriptures call these books: "The Law of God," "The Book of Moses," or "The Law of Moses."

All of God's CHARGES, STATUTES, JUDGMENTS, COMMANDMENTS, and TESTIMONIES combined all together and compiled in one book called The Law of Moses (I Kings 2:3).

[119]Each book that was copied contained all of God's commandments, charges, statutes, judgments, and testimonies, together and compiled from Genesis to Deuteronomy and called "The Books of Moses." The Law of the LORD (2 Chronicles 34:14) was given by Moses; thus, the title, "The Law of Moses." "The word of the LORD by the hand of Moses" (2 Chronicles 35:6); thus, "The Book of Moses" (35:12) or "The Law of Moses" (Ezra 3:2).

[120]For proof that all of God's commandments, judgments, testimonies, statutes, and charges that were written in a single book called "The Laws of Moses," let's examine a few selected verses out of **197** found in the entire Bible from Joshua to Revelation that clearly demonstrate this.

Joshua 8:31 (written in the book of the law of Moses), Joshua 8:32 (a copy of the law of Moses was written upon a stone), Joshua 23:6

(Book of the law of Moses), **1 Kings 2:3** (**"**…to keep his statutes, and **his commandments, and his judgments, and his testimonies, as it is written in the law of Moses.."**), II King 14:6 *("…book of the law of Moses, wherein the LORD commanded…")*, **2 King 22:8, 23:2-3, 21, 25 *("…with all his heart, and with all his soul, and with all his might, according to all the law of Moses…")***, Nehemiah 8:1 *("…bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had commanded to Israel.")*, **Nehemiah 10:29** *("…walk in God's law which was given by Moses the servant of God, and to observe and do all the commandments of the LORD our Lord, and his judgments and his statutes")*, Malachi 4:4 *("Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, WITH the statutes and judgments")*, Mark 1:44 (Jesus said, *"what Moses commanded;"* But was it what Moses commanded or what God commanded Moses to write? Thus, the term "the law of Moses" is the law of God; Moses simply wrote them, and then they were called or **nicknamed** the Law of Moses), **Mark 7:10** (Who said, ***"For Moses said, Honour thy father and thy mother; and Whoso curseth father or mother, let him die the death"*** in Mark 7:10? The answer is Jesus. Now, was it really what Moses said or what God said **in the Ten Commandments, number five?**), John 1:17 *("the Law was given by Moses,"* but it was given to Moses by God; Moses simply wrote it or wrote copies of it). **John 7:19 (Jesus said Moses gave the law, thou shalt not kill; but this law is number six of the Ten Commandments, and God was the one who wrote it on tables of stone).** John 7:22 **(Who gave circumcision, Moses or God? Jesus said Moses did, but we all know from Scripture that God did. Moses simply gave to the people what God gave him).** John 8:5 (**Moses commanded or God commanded?** The scribes and Pharisees said "Moses commanded"). There are many, many more verses to prove that the Law of Moses and the Law of God are the same. Therefore, to separate them would not be biblically correct.

[121]**Finally**, the legal charge brought and filed against Christianity by Sabbath-day worshippers has been dismissed (dropped) and is permanently closed because of **Acts 15:1-41. (Read these verses and the introduction again)!** It cannot be reopened by anyone present or future (not even self or conference-proclaimed prophets). The defendant (the Salvation Day rest Christian) has been released from remand prison and is completely free (no longer under bondage to sin: Galatians 5:1) from the criminal curse of the Ten Commandments' law of death (Galatians 3:13). Salvation Day rest saints are no longer married to this **old covenant** of death law but to the **new covenant** of **eternal life** through Jesus Christ our Lord.

[122]**Praise the LORD for His goodness and His mercies which endureth FOREVER: His new (commandment) covenant in Christ.**

Which day to worship? TWELVE

Explaining the meaning of the statements "from one Sabbath to the next" and "from one new moon to the next," in Isaiah 66:23; Jeremiah 17:26; and Ezekiel 45:17, 46:3, 12.

[123]There are religious organizations today claiming that because of what Isaiah 66:23 said, in heaven (or during the one thousand year Millennium reign with Christ), all persons will come to worship before Him on this day. Therefore, **according to them**, this is proof or strong evidence that the Sabbath Day will continue even when we get to heaven and for eternity; thus, this confirms that God honored and specially set it aside for worship.

[124]To establish this section to act as a stand-alone, if it were to be copied by itself by persons of like faith, this writer will briefly address this, but it is comprehensively dealt with later in Part Two below. Sabbath day

worshippers usually point to Isaiah 66:23 ("*…from one Sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me…"*) and Ezekiel 46:3 *("Likewise the people of the land shall worship at the door of this gate before the LORD in the sabbaths and in the new moons."*) as their PROOF text of Sabbath day worship, but when examining Isaiah 66:20-24 and Ezekiel 46:1-12, we discover that these verses are far from what they claim the verses meant.

[125]There are Bible verses that point to the one thousand-year reign with Christ, but these verses are **NOT** any of them.

Isaiah 66:20-24 says, *"And they shall bring all your brethren for an offering unto the LORD out of all nations upon horses, and in chariots, and in litters, and upon mules, and upon swift beasts, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, saith the LORD, as the children of Israel bring an offering in a clean vessel into the house of the LORD. And* ***I will also take of them for priests and for Levites****, saith the LORD. For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain. And it shall come to pass, that from* ***one new moon to another, and from one Sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD****. And they shall go forth, and look upon the carcases of the men that have transgressed against me: for their worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched; and they shall be an abhorring unto all flesh."*

[126]If we examine Isaiah 66:23 and others surrounding it by taking them all at face value, we will discover some very thought-provoking **facts** when comparing them to New Testament verses. However, before we do, keep in mind that the verse does not say which day of the week or day of the month each visiting nation will arrive and worship **the LORD, Jesus Christ**. They will come weekly and monthly to Jerusalem, and when each nation or people arrives, Jesus will receive worship from them. (**For example, from Saturday to Saturday, or from January to December. It can be any day in between.** To simplify this illustration, if there was a free Home Improvement Trade Show held from Saturday to Saturday with lots of giveaways, and all interested persons can attend, visitors will begin showing up on Saturday. More people will attend on Sunday. Others will show up on Monday, and a large gathering on Tuesday. Visitors will continue to show up on Wednesday and so on until the end of the show, which will be on the coming Saturday). In the context of the verse, they will come to worship as soon as they arrive in Jerusalem. This could be Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and so on, of the week, or on the first day after the new moon, the second, third, or fourth day, or even the fourteenth day, the twentieth day, the twenty-sixth day, etc., after the new moon. **Again, Isaiah 66:23 did not mention which day of the week or month nations will come because worshipping God is a lifestyle, not on a "day."** The verse said from one Sabbath to the next, meaning weekly, or from one new moon to the next, meaning monthly (this is another Bible way of saying weekly and monthly). Thus, the day nations arrive at Jerusalem will be the day they worship God.

[127]**Firstly**, this was **not** a command from God, but rather what nations would be doing (as what Israel did) **if Jesus Christ had not died but had become King of Israel**, and shortly afterward, the world. Also, the texts suggest that burnt offerings and sacrifices would continue. Therefore, if we were to take this text at face value, what Jesus did on the cross would **not** be complete. There are other related texts that Sabbath worshippers used to try to prove this (for example, Isaiah 56:6-7, Ezekiel 46:1-15, and Zechariah 14:16-21). However, at face value, they all contradict Hebrews 10:5, 8, 12, and 26-27. This was simply because all blood sacrifices for sin ended at the cross. What was the offering, or what is meant by "an offering" in Isaiah 66:20? The Book of Leviticus answered this question: burnt, meat, peace, sin offerings, wave, heave, drink, trespass offerings, freewill offerings, jealousy offerings, offerings of silver and brass, etc. All of them (except the silver and brass offerings, and where fruits are involved) required blood sacrifice with animals. It was primarily for the forgiveness of sins committed by the people.

[128]**Secondly**, the Levitical priesthood in the verses above will continue. But instead of Jewish Levites, God will resume the part or functions of the priest. At face value, this contradicts Hebrews 7:11-12, 26-27, showing that the Levitical priesthood structure will end or change. After Jesus' sacrifice, the Levitical priesthood was no longer needed.

For emphasis purposes only, because Jesus came out of Judah, which was not out of the tribe of Levite, therefore, there is made of necessity a change also of the Priesthood Law. ***"For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law**. For he of whom these things are spoken pertaineth to another tribe, of which no man gave attendance at the altar. For it is evident that our Lord sprang out of Juda; of which tribe Moses spake nothing concerning priesthood. And it is yet far more evident: for that after the similitude of Melchisedec there ariseth another priest, Who is made, not after the law of a carnal commandment, but after the power of an endless life. For he testifieth, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec. For there is verily a disannulling of the commandment going before for the weakness and unprofitableness thereof. **For the law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope did; by the which we draw nigh unto God"*** (Hebrews 7:12-19).

[129]**Thirdly**, there will be ongoing deaths during the process toward all persons who transgress against God, and all living will see their dead bodies. This episode will extend even throughout eternity. This contradicts Revelation 21:4 if taken at face value, where it says: *"…there shall be no more death…"*

[130]**Fourthly**, night and day will continue throughout eternity because, according to the text, there will be seven days per week *("from one Sabbath to another"*). Approximately 30 days per month (from *"one new moon to another"*), or monthly (also see "year to year" in Zechariah 14:16 to keep the Feast of Tabernacles), all nations will come to Jerusalem bringing their (**sin**) offering in a clean vessel. (Will this happen, because sin offerings ended at the cross?) **Daily** and **nightly** they will come. All flesh (nations and people) will come to Jerusalem to continuously worship the Lord **every day** (night and day) throughout eternity. The **moon** gives light at night; therefore, nighttime will continue **from one new moon to another**. Again, this contradicts Isaiah 60:19-20 and Revelation 22:5, if taken at face value, where it says, *"…there shall be no night there…"* (and figuratively mentioned in Revelation 7:15).

[131]**Fifthly**, because the moon is mentioned, night and day will continue, but we know that there will be no nights in heaven; there will be just one never-ending day we all will enter into.

For PROOF, Zechariah 14:6-7 says: *"And it shall come to pass in that day, that the light shall not be clear, nor dark: But it shall be one day which shall be known to the LORD, not day, nor night: but it shall come to pass, that at evening time it shall be light."* Also, read Revelation 22:5.

[132]Similarly, Sabbath-day worshippers point to Psalm 42:4 *("When I remember these things, I pour out my soul in me: for I had gone with the multitude, I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept holyday"*). But again, this was not a command from God. Instead, it was what David did along with other Sabbath-keeping Israelites because of his overwhelming emotional stress, as mentioned in verses 2 and 3. For a more thorough investigation of Isaiah 66:23, read the section below called ***What would have happened if Jesus Christ didn't die?***

So then, what does Isaiah 66:20-24 mean if, at face value, the verses contradict New Testament texts? These verses simply mean: What would have happened if Jesus Christ didn't die and was crowned king, as was revealed in the Old Testament Scripture? Then, ALL NATIONS would have brought their burnt offerings and sacrifices to Jerusalem, weekly (from one Sabbath to the next) or monthly (from one new moon to the next) and worshipped the LORD there and had their sins forgiven (this was the purpose for bringing their sacrificial offerings to Jerusalem). As the blessings and curses promised to Israel if specific instructions were or were not followed

(Deuteronomy 28:1-68), Israel chose death to their king, and this Old Testament revelation was history (Isaiah 66:20-24; Jeremiah 17:26; Ezekiel 45:17, 46:3, 12).

Which day to worship? THIRTEEN

Exposing the false claim that Christianity disappeared shortly after the early church was established by God, and was replaced with pagan religious beliefs; it then reappeared (or was reestablished) in the mid-18th century.

[133]Sabbath day worshippers mentioned earlier also want to make us believe that true Christianity disappeared and was consumed by paganism during the reign of Constantine and the medieval period. They say Christianity was restored in the 18th century when their organization was established.

[134]However, when examining the scripture in Matthew 16:18, we discover that this is so untrue. Jesus said, *"…upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell **shall not prevail** against it"* (Nothing could have destroyed or stopped God's church. It was/is indestructible and continued even before, during, and after Constantine's reign).

[135]As God told Elijah (who thought he was the only one that did not forsake God's covenant) in 1 Kings 19:18, *"…I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal."* Christianity was very much alive throughout history, but it operated "underground." (Read Romans 11:2-5, which puts an end to this argument). Read about the history of Christians who had never bowed down to the organized church and paid with their lives for **not** doing so. This claim from the Adventist movement is a lie from Satan. Unfortunately, many of them suck up this lie when, in fact, it is not true. Read the many horror stories of our persecuted Christian brothers and sisters who were tortured and slaughtered because of their faith in Christ. There were massive and sickening horrors of suffering and death inflicted on them. This was before and during the Dark Ages, or the medieval period in history.

During this time, if anyone was caught with the "underground" Christian Bible or was converted to Christianity, they were immediately sent to the apostate church's **Prison Torture-Houses of Hell!**

Most torture was done in buildings specially equipped with torture devices, most of which were unknown unless you were the victim. There were public displays of torturous executions that quickly killed Christians in the form of hanging, beheading, burning at the stake, feeding to lions, drowning, etc.

In the apostate church's prison "torture-houses of hell," the executioner sometimes slowed the torture procedure down to achieve the maximum pain effect (screaming, begging, pleading, and bargaining). Sometimes, victims were left for several days of excruciating pain, eventually ending the pain (from a lack of cooperation) by placing them on one of their machines of instant death; for example, the Iron Maiden.

Today, these devices are publicly displayed in museums around the world, but their true purpose was/is not completely revealed. (One such museum this writer visited was the **Medieval Torture Museum** in Chicago: www.medievaltorturemuseum.com. There were so many painful-to-look-at displays). They were designed to create fear and put a stop to the spread of Christianity. However, because these devices were very effective, they were later used to punish and discourage capital crimes.

Most of the information available in books, video documentation, online, etc., gives a false view of the primary purpose of these torture devices. Information given claims that these devices were used during the "Dark Ages" or the "Medieval Period" on criminals, spies, adulterers, slaves, thieves, witches, blasphemers, homosexuals, fornicators, murderers, etc., but very rarely is "used on Christians" mentioned.

This false labeling covered up the real purpose of their invention and the **biggest atrocities** in humanity's history. Many painfully frightening torture devices were invented by demons working behind the scenes, and they were invented for Christians. Christians were unlawfully and wrongfully convicted of the crimes mentioned above to justify killing

them—crimes they never even committed. ***Fox's Book of Martyrs*** (Please note: **NOT** the **"modified"** versions like the one called *FOXE'S BOOK OF MARTYRS Updated Through the 21st Century.)* is an excellent source to read about the underground church from the days of the Apostles up to the early 1800s.

As Dale Ratzlaff, author of the book *Sabbath in Crisis*, puts it (see page 16 of his book), "A highly developed and well-organized <u>belief system</u> can often be the most dangerous blinder to truth. We need only to look at history to see this demonstrated time and again." Therefore, be careful what you accept as truth. Read and study God's Word on your own to find His truth.

THE CONCLUSION

136 Finally, this writer is not trying to convince Sabbath worshippers to stop attending church services on Saturday. No, continue if you wish. It doesn't take away from or add to your salvation in Christ if you are a born-again Christian. However, **worshipping "the day" is idolatry.** It was never commanded by God to be done or performed this way. (**This is like worshipping the sun, moon, stars, planets, etc.) Also, many Sabbath worshippers believe that once they attend church services on this day, they are safe in Christ, and their salvation or eternal life, according to them, is sure**. Jesus was/is the **LORD of the Sabbath,** and changed what was commanded to be done on "the sabbath day" by all the things He did during His ministry on earth. By accepting Him as Lord and Saviour, you will then enter into His eternal **Salvation Day Rest**.

137 Additionally, as previously mentioned at [P87], if you are holding onto another prophet, then you cannot be Jesus' disciple. (Scripture confirms this in Matthew 6:24 and Luke 16:13). However, if you are a born-again Christian and decide to embrace another prophet (or a religious organization that does), this is called **spiritual adultery**. Romans 1:31 calls these people "covenantbreakers;" that is, being covenantly married to Jesus Christ, then seeking an unfaithful relationship with another person, or an organization that does (Jeremiah 3:20; Isaiah 57:8; Romans 7:3-4; 1 Corinthians 7:39). Remember what Scripture says in 2 Corinthians 6:14-18: *Be ye not unequally yoked together with **unbelievers**: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that **believeth** with an infidel? And what agreement hath **the temple of God with idols**? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. **Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord**, and touch not the unclean thing; and **I will receive you**, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty* (2 Corinthians 6:14-18). *Be not ye therefore partakers with them* (Ephesians 5:7*). …Come out of **her**, my people, that ye be not partakers of **her** sins, and that ye receive not of **her** plagues* (Revelation 18:4).

138 An advice to you, the reader, is to seek God's direction in prayer and fasting on this matter. As God's answer to the prayers of this writer, He will certainly do the same for you. **Pray to God that the following verses do not apply to you, the reader**: *And with all **deceivableness** of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not **the love of the truth**, <u>that they might be saved</u>. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that **they should believe a lie**: That they all might be damned **who believed not the truth**, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.* (2 Thessalonians 2:10-12)

139 Now the fourth commandment law (and its fulfillment) fight is actually not between Moses and Jesus. The battle is fought in our minds. The two laws are viciously fighting each other to be victorious. The wise opponent who independently (**by himself or herself**) and continuously reads God's Word from Genesis to Revelation wins the battle. The slothful opponent who reads, or consumes other

publications (magazines, pamphlets, daily devotionals, audio and visual books, television productions, religious prophets, ministers, teachers, spiritual leaders, etc.) along with randomly selecting pieces and parts of God's Word (as instructed by these people and/or media publications and productions), loses the fight. If opponents (readers) suck up Satan's lies, which state that no one can understand the Bible without reading it alongside **our** publications, especially **our** religious commentaries, they will lose the fight even when it appears to them as though they won. False teachers often claim that **independently** reading God's Word leads to heresy and false interpretations. **This is absolutely untrue! Remember that the Holy Spirit (the Comforter) is behind the actual words of the text (John 6:63). Therefore, when you read or listen to Scripture on your own, you are actually including Him with the reading (or the listening).**

[140]If you have **never** independently read the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, now is the time to do so. If you completely push aside all the external sources just mentioned and continuously read the Bible only, from Genesis to Revelation, **for yourself** (and on your own) as your daily devotions, you will find truth, and the Holy Spirit will ensure that you do. Remember, the battle is being fought in your mind. This is not to say "don't read other source materials." What is being said is that during your daily devotions, **read GOD's Word ONLY**. When you complete all of His Word during the year, then read other books if you must. The following year, continue this same pattern or format.

[141]In addition to the above, if you allow someone or an organization to cause you to believe that you are a slave (or accept the word "slave" instead of "servant," "son," or "child"), then that organization or person controls your slavery. You will swallow their bait (hook, line, and sinker) and be pulled in for a fatal catch. After this, you may never get away from them or their teachings. Once their foundation is cemented deep within the mind, getting out is almost impossible unless you abandon all religious sources and spiritual advice from them and focus solely on reading the Bible, along with praying for understanding. This is not to say you stop attending weekly church services entirely. It simply means not to accept critical Bible doctrine from anyone or any books outside of the **66 books** of the Holy Scriptures. Listen carefully, but get the final word from God's Holy Book by yourself.

[142]Jesus said in Matthew 11:28, *"Come unto me, all ye that labour 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. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."* (Emphasis added.) Is the **"rest"** here something that is given or something that is earned? Apparently, in this verse, the rest Jesus gives is not something that can be earned or worked for. It is something Jesus GIVES away freely when we come to Him.

[143]In Hebrews 3 and 4, we were told that the children of Israel in the wilderness focused on the fourth commandment, REST, but with **unbelief**. They followed all the laws of Moses but still did not enter the Promised Land. (Comparatively and not literally speaking, they did not make it into "heaven" because of **unbelief.** This is a spiritual truth and not a literal one). Thus, resting on the day was not the rest Jesus meant in these verses. (All of the people who faithfully rested on the Sabbath Day died in the wilderness because of **unbelief**, except Joshua and Caleb who **"believed"** the words of God. The "rest" Jesus offers is attained by simple **BELIEF (believe in Him)**; no work required, like following a set of laws.

[144]There is an eternal salvation day of REST and a fourth commandment, the weekly Sabbath day of rest. One is given away for free, and the other one is earned by bringing to bear various functions. One is earned by working, and the other one is freely given just by asking for it. One follows a set of laws and rules, and the other requires (or has) a belief mindset. One is very hard to follow completely today, and the other one is very easy with absolutely no physical work required.

[145]In the New Testament, Jesus asks us to believe in Him; to feed off Him, a type of the

"Tree of Life." He wants us to come to Him so that He can give us this eternal life; REST in Him (John 4:6-15). The only requirement is for us to come. Coming does not require any physical work; just a mental action, a verbal response, and a desire from the heart:

> That if thou shalt **confess with thy mouth** the Lord Jesus, and shalt **believe in thine heart** that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. (Romans 10:9-10)

[146]When we mentally and sincerely come, the Holy Spirit takes up permanent residence in our lives (we become God-possessed: 1 John 3:22-24). He then begins radiating all the evidence of His presence. (The works or fruits of the indwelling Spirit begin to manifest Himself). We see a new person in Christ. This newness was not earned or labored to attain. It was freely given by simply asking for it. Again, no physical work or laws must be performed to acquire it. **Praise the LORD!**

[147]Finally, and as previously mentioned, Moses pointed to Christ (Deuteronomy 18:15; Acts 3:22, and 7:37) and instructed Israel that they should follow everything He (Jesus Christ) commanded thereafter. Thus, this overrides everything he (Moses) commanded. Also, Hebrews 10:25 says, *Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.* As Christians came together in the Book of Acts (as mentioned at [P6]), so should you, the reader, assemble yourself as well.

QUESTIONS

1 Which day of the week did the disciples come together to perform the Lord's Supper? What else did the disciples do during this time? [P3-4]

2 Who was recorded as preaching on this day? [P3]

3 On which day of the week were Christians instructed to pay their tithes and offerings? [P3]

4 Why do you think Constantine selected the first day of the week (and not the fourth day) and called it Sunday? [P3-6]

5 Did God command Israel to worship Him on the seventh day, or was worship to be a lifestyle if one was to follow **ALL** the laws of Moses? [P16-19]

6 What are the true meanings of the word "**rest**" in the Old and New Testaments? [P17-19]

7 What are the proof texts that God wanted Israel to stay at home and not leave home on the Sabbath day? [P24-25]

8 Is Isaiah 66:23 a command from God to worship Him on the seventh day, or is it what nations would have been doing if Jesus had not died? [P123-132]

9 Why do you think Christians meet in their homes to worship God? Couldn't they have built more synagogues and attended them instead? [P9]

10 **What was the fulfillment of the fourth commandment law? [P65-80]**

11 Who is Christianity's only modern-day prophet who is alive today? [P81-87]

12 For those who hold onto a false prophet and their false message, what do you think Jesus meant by saying: "…if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins." This is because you believed in a false prophet (not Jesus Christ) and the prophet's message (John 8:24)?

13 Do you think that someone who embraces and holds onto the message of a false prophet can be saved? Do you think that they would have to deny or denounce the false prophet first, and the prophet's message, before they can be

	saved?
14	List one or more verses ancient Jewish scholars used to create the Sabbath worship day law we see today. [Part Two-P24-27]
15	Why do you think Jesus followed the Jewish customs of going to a synagogue on the Sabbath day when, in fact, it was not commanded by God to be done as such? [P43]

CHAPTER SUMMARY

1	The pattern (format, or order of Sunday services) in all Christian churches today started with the early church in the Book of Acts, long before Constantine the Great was born.
2	Proof of what Israel actually did and was commanded to do by God on the Sabbath day.
3	Juggling the "rest" and "worship" words in verses to make sense of them.
4	The greatest law in the Bible that was greater than the Ten Commandments, and was given long before Moses was born.
5	What instantly happens to someone who gets saved, or is born-again?
6	Proof that the **"eternal" Salvation Day Rest** is the fulfillment and replacement of the fourth law of the Ten Commandments called the **"weekly" Sabbath Day Rest**.
7	Proof that Moses pointed to Jesus Christ as Christianity's ONLY modern-day prophet "of the Highest."
8	Understanding the fulfillment of the word "remember" and the words "keep it holy" in Exodus 20:8, when compared to what Jesus said in Luke 22:19 and what Paul admonishes us to do (keeping it holy) in 1 Corinthians 11:17-34.
9	Exposing the false claim by Adventists that Paul's letters are only valid to the church they were written to, and providing proof that they were written to all born-again believers in all churches.
10	Ellen G. White's Investigative Judgment theory and the different Seventh-Day Adventist fundamental doctrines that were established as a result of this unbiblical theory, or false claim.
11	Proof that **"the law of God"** and **"the law of Moses"** are the same, and therefore, Acts 15:1-41 applies to the Ten Commandments law.
12	Explaining the meaning of the statements **"from one Sabbath to the next"** and **"from one new moon to the next,"** in Isaiah 66:23; Jeremiah 17:26; Ezekiel 45:17, 46:3, 12.
13	Exposing the false claim by Adventists that Christianity disappeared shortly after the early church was established by God and was replaced with pagan religious beliefs; then reappeared (or was reestablished) in the mid-18th century when the Seventh-day Adventist church was established.

NOTES

Imagine a perfect King ruling in a sinful world!

What Would Have Happened If Jesus Christ Didn't Die?

THE PREVIEW

"And they shall bring all your brethren for an offering unto the LORD out of all nations upon horses, and in chariots, and in litters, and upon mules, and upon swift beasts, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, saith the LORD, as the children of Israel bring an offering in a clean vessel into the house of the LORD. And I will also take of them for priests and for Levites, saith the LORD. For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain. And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one Sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD. And they shall go forth, and look upon the carcases of the men that have transgressed against me: for their worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched; and they shall be an abhorring unto all flesh."

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- INTRODUCTION -

The preparation and transformation into a pure, ideal, law-abiding economic system for Jesus (a perfect king to rule in a sinful world) to begin His reign were now coming together (Isaiah 40:3-5; Luke 3:4-6).

Israel's failing economy that was caused by all the miracles Jesus was doing and the message He was proclaiming.

Judas Iscariot was not the only one experiencing a significant loss of revenue because of all the miracles Jesus was doing (from his business investments made before following Jesus). Many others were as well. The physicians and undertakers (body-preparers and grave-diggers) were the first people to feel the downturn in income, and it trickled down, affecting many other business persons. Everyone (businesses and personal enterprises) that shared in the profits from the proceeds earned was beginning to experience losses. Their employees started looking for other jobs because Jesus was healing so many people, and it was all for free.

Multitudes of people flocked to Jesus for healing. This was so serious that it began affecting the entire nation of Israel's buying and selling economic system. Many businesses failed because people no longer went to them; instead, they went to Jesus for **complete** healing, even if it meant many days of traveling.

Additionally, many who were healed and were once business professionals had

reentered the business market, creating crowded competition in a failing economy.

People also found out that taking their sick loved ones to Jesus was no longer necessary. The only requirement was that a family member or friend in excellent health make the journey and request Jesus to heal the person. The healing happened instantly and even over long distances. This caused far-reaching business losses for the taxi (animal rental and travel services).

Deaths drastically declined to almost zero, and visits to or from doctors had ended. There were hardly any more deaths occurring because the people were healed from sickness and terminal diseases. People got their healing at no charge. No money was required; only a sincere, legitimate need was all that was necessary. This brought about a death blow to the livelihood of people and businesses that relied heavily on the sick and the dead. Many of them, with nothing else to depend on or turn to, went out of business (went bankrupt).

Caregivers' and caretaking inns (hospitals) revenue fell to zero, and owners, operators, and staff members were all out of work. Unemployment began rising in Israel. The markets all felt the drop in earnings because of the healing Jesus was doing, and it was free. It created an off-balance buying-and-selling crisis in Israel.

Business professionals eventually began seriously complaining to the leaders and elders of the people about this. It was **not for Jesus to start charging a fee for the healing** to maintain the economic buying-and-selling balance (because this would have caused Him to monopolize the market and instantly become very wealthy; He would have made lots of money), **but for Him to "stop healing people completely!"**

(Read **Matthew** 8:16, 9:35, 12:15, 14:14, along with verses 35-36, 15:30-31,19:1-2, 21:14; **Mark** 1:32-34, as well as verses 45, 6:13, 6:55-56; **Luke** 4:40-41, 5:15, 6:17-19, also verses 21-22, 9:6, including verse 11; and **John** 2:23 and 21:25).

Old-age ailments were also healed, causing sufferers not to seek alternative healing remedies from herbalists. The economic trickle-down effects spread across every sector in Israel. (For example, Granny Miriam got complete healing of old-age ailments from Jesus; therefore, her greedy grandsons could no longer get the inherited fortune she and her late husband owned. As a result, their purchase plans for several lavish homes had to be scrapped. They were not very happy with her healing and what Jesus caused).

Many such healings, like this one, occurred throughout Israel, causing great contention among covetous family members. They hated Jesus for what He was doing. *"All of this healing,"* they grumbled. Old, disgusting, and miserable employers and parents whose hateful dependents were patiently waiting for the joy of seeing them dead returned to their place, youthfully rejuvenated with the looks of apparent years of more energy to continue doing what they did. Professionals, who had an evil exploitation motive for accumulating wealth, felt the impact of Jesus' healing. Many of these disgruntled individuals complained to the authorities about this and the damage it was causing to their livelihoods and jobs. The leaders were bombarded with this kind of annoyance from the people.

The smiths, silversmiths, carpenters, and craftsmen lost huge amounts of revenue all because of Jesus' message and promotion of His Father. (Most of the people had vowed to themselves that the one who could heal their serious illness, they would worship that person, or that person's God. Many of them were lepers, the blind, deaf, lame, maimed, victims of devils, the sick, their family members, friends, the healing eye-witnessing bystanders, etc.).

Therefore, people who brought shrines and images of idols began believing in and worshipping Jesus and His Father as God. As a result, piles of images were destroyed and burnt, leaving merchants with loads of unsold inventory. They were hopelessly dismayed and angry, like Demetrius in Acts 19:24-28, about the big financial losses to their business.

In addition to all this, soothsaying businesses that brought in lots of profit, like the one mentioned in Acts 16:16, closed down. Soothsaying and selling idol images and relics were big business and brought in lots of money

until Jesus came on the scene (or in town) with His miracles and message. **Jesus promoted His Father as God, and their business sales operation plummeted, sharply declining or "nose-diving,"** so to speak.

Many demons were cast out of people, causing soothsayers, fortune-telling merchants, etc., and their businesses to come to a sudden halt. **Lucifer's demonic strongholds among the people were seriously being dismantled, rapidly placing an end to it all. His kingdom was coming to an end because of what Jesus was doing**. (Besides this, because of what Zechariah 13:2-4 said, Satan, knowing Scripture, was very much afraid of this happening).

The economic blow to the entire nation of Israel was seriously felt by many similar stories like the ones just mentioned above.

Nevertheless, at the time, little was known of all this disruption, of the natural commercial flow of things being seriously altered because of what Jesus was doing. It was just simply the preparation and transformation of the old buying-and-selling economic system into one that was new, different, and fit for a perfect king to rule in a sinful world (Isaiah 40:3-5; Luke 3:4-6).

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Understanding a perfect King (Jesus Christ) ruling in a sinful world

[1]Imagine what would have happened if Jesus had not suffered and died. Imagine the nation of Israel ruled by Jesus Christ instead of sinful kings, prophets, judges, or people who have all proven to be failures, who are all sinners and have failed every time. Imagine a perfect human ruling in a sinful world.

[2]Below is a short **preview from the Bible** on how it would have all played out.

Isaiah 66:20-24 says, "And <u>they shall bring</u> all your brethren for an offering unto the LORD <u>out of all nations</u> upon horses, and in chariots, and in litters, and upon mules, and upon swift beasts, <u>to my holy mountain Jerusalem</u>, saith the LORD, as the children of Israel bring an offering in a clean vessel into the house of the LORD. And **<u>I will also take of them for priests and for Levites</u>**, saith the LORD. For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, <u>so shall your seed and your name remain</u>. [23]And it shall come to pass, that from **<u>one new moon to another</u>, and <u>from one Sabbath to another</u>, shall <u>all flesh come to worship before me</u>, saith the LORD**. [24]And <u>they shall</u> go forth, and <u>look upon the carcases of the men that have transgressed against me</u>: for their worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched; and they shall be an abhorring unto all flesh."

[3]There are those who claimed that because Isaiah 66:23 said, "…from one Sabbath to another…," in heaven (or during the "one-thousand-year Millennium reign" with Christ), all believers will come to worship before Him on this day. Therefore, **according to them**, this is proof or strong evidence that the Sabbath day will be ongoing even when we get to heaven. Thus, they say, it confirms that this day was honored and specially set aside for worship by God.

…And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD... (Isaiah

66:20-24). See also Jeremiah 17:26; Ezekiel 45:17, 46:1-15; and Zechariah 14:16-21. These are the verses that brought about the Sabbath day worship traditional episode (its phenomenal customs and practices of attending a synagogue, the Jewish Temple, or a church building on the 7th day) during the Babylonian captivity, up to the time of the Messiah, Jesus Christ and continued even until today. **There are several interpretations of Isaiah 66:20-24 and the other verses listed from modern-day scholars and their commentary sources, so one has to be careful who the commentary authors are and their doctrinal views and beliefs. If authors are Sabbath day worshippers, they will definitely hold the view, according to their understanding of the verses above, that "all nations' day of worship will return to the 7th day, which is their Sabbath day of worship" in all eternity. (Therefore, it is then obvious among ancient scribes and scholars, according to their understanding as well, who were unable to see how events would play out when the Messiah arrives to reign, instead of waiting until then, this act of worship on the 7th day started and continued during their time in captivity. This was so because worshipping on the 7th day was unseen anywhere before Israel was taken by the Babylonians). If the authors of commentary sources are non-Sabbath day worshippers, then they will hold the view of a perpetual worship time in heaven in all eternity. However, the interpretation below of Isaiah 66:23 holds more "weight" than all known commentaries, scholars, and their views.**

[4]Certainly, some Bible verses point to the "one thousand years" reign with Christ and the Sabbath day of rest, but **Isaiah 66:20-24** (and many others) is **NOT** one of them.

[5]If we examine Isaiah 66:23 and others surrounding it by taking them all at face value, we will discover some very thought-provoking **facts** when comparing them to New Testament verses. However, before we do, keep in mind that the verses do not say which day of the week or day of the month each visiting nation will arrive and worship **the LORD, Jesus Christ**. They will come weekly and monthly to Jerusalem, and when each nation or people arrives, Jesus will receive worship from them. (**For example, from Saturday to Saturday, or from January to December. It can be any day in between.** To simplify this illustration, if there was a free Home Improvement Trade Show held from Saturday to Saturday with lots of giveaways, and all interested persons can attend, visitors will begin showing up on Saturday. More people will attend on Sunday. Others will show up on Monday, and a large gathering on Tuesday. Visitors will continue to show up on Wednesday and so on until the end of the show, which will be on the coming Saturday). In the context of the verse, they will come to worship as soon as they arrive in Jerusalem. This could be Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and so on, of the week, or on the first day after the new moon, the second, third, or fourth day, or even the fourteenth day, the twentieth day, the twenty-sixth day, etc., after the new moon. **Again, Isaiah 66:23 did not mention which day of the week or month nations will come because worshipping God is a lifestyle, not on a "day."** The verse said from one Sabbath to another (or to the next), meaning weekly, or from one new moon to another, meaning monthly (this is just another Bible way of saying weekly and monthly). Thus, the day nations arrive at Jerusalem will be the day they worship God. Furthermore, **if the Sabbath day was supposed to be the ONLY day of worship according to these verses, then *"from one new moon to another"* or *"in the new moons"* would not have been mentioned. The fact that "new moons" are mentioned, because they will be coming in the new moons as well, this kills the Sabbath day "worship-day-ONLY" theory**.

[6]**Firstly**, this was **not** a command from God, but rather what nations would be doing (like what Israel did) **if Jesus Christ had not died but became King of Israel**, and shortly afterward, the world. Also, according to Isaiah 66:20-24, burnt offerings and sacrifices will continue. Therefore, if we take these verses at face value, then what Jesus did at the cross would **not** be complete. There are other related

texts found that Sabbath worshippers used to try to prove this (for example, Isaiah 56:6-7, Jeremiah 17:26-27; Ezekiel 46:1-15, and Zechariah 14:16-21). However, at face value, they all contradict Hebrews 10:5, 8, 12, and 26-27. This was simply because all blood sacrifices for sin ended at the cross. What was the offering, or what is meant by "an offering" in Isaiah 66:20? The Book of Leviticus answered this question: burnt, meat, peace, sin offerings, wave, heave, drink, trespass offerings, freewill offerings, jealousy offerings, offerings of silver and brass, etc. All of them (except for the silver and brass offerings and where fruits are involved) required blood sacrifice with animals. It was primarily for the forgiveness of sins committed by the people. (Jeremiah 17:26-27 said, *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 meat offerings, and incense, and bringing sacrifices of praise, unto the house of the LORD. But if ye will not hearken unto me to hallow the sabbath day, and not to bear a burden, even entering in at the gates of Jerusalem on the sabbath day; then will I kindle a fire in the gates thereof, and it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem, and it shall not be quenched.* The second part of these verses talked about what would have happened if a perfect king was ruling).

[7]**Secondly**, the Levitical priesthood in the verses above will continue. But instead of Jewish Levites, God will resume the priest's role and functions. At face value, this contradicts Hebrews 7:11-12, 26-27, showing that the Levitical priesthood structure will end or change. After Jesus' sacrifice, the Levitical priesthood was no longer needed.

For emphasis purposes only, because Jesus came out of Judah, which was not out of the tribe of Levite, therefore, there is made of necessity a change also of the Priesthood Law. **"*For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law*.** *For he of whom these things are spoken pertaineth to another tribe, of which no man gave attendance at the altar. For it is evident that our Lord sprang out of Juda; of which tribe Moses spake nothing concerning priesthood. And it is yet far more evident: for that after the similitude of Melchisedec there ariseth another priest, Who is made, not after the law of a carnal commandment, but after the power of an endless life. For he testifieth, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec. For there is verily a disannulling of the commandment going before for the weakness and unprofitableness thereof.* ***For the law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope did; by the which we draw nigh unto God"*** (Hebrews 7:12-19).

[8]**Thirdly**, there will be ongoing deaths during the process toward all persons who transgress against God, and all living will see their dead bodies. If this is so, this episode will extend even throughout eternity. This contradicts Revelation 21:4 if taken at face value, where it says: "…there shall be no more death…"

[9]**Fourthly**, night and day will continue throughout eternity because, according to the text, there will be seven days per week *("from one Sabbath to another")*. Approximately 30 days per month (from *"one new moon to another"*), or monthly (also see "year to year" in Zechariah 14:16 to keep the Feast of Tabernacles), all nations will come to Jerusalem bringing their (**sin**) offering in a clean vessel. (Will this happen because sin offerings ended at the cross?) **Daily** and **nightly** they will come. All flesh (nations and people) will come to Jerusalem to continuously worship the Lord **every day** (night and day) throughout eternity. The **moon** gives light at night; therefore, nighttime will continue **from one new moon to another**. Again, this contradicts Isaiah 60:19-20 and Revelation 22:5, if taken at face value, where it says, *"…there shall be no night there…"* (and figuratively mentioned in Revelation 7:15). **What did Scripture say about the sun and moon, or night and day?** ***"And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon****, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof"* (Revelation 21:23). ***"****And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle,* ***neither light of the sun****; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they*

shall reign for ever and ever" (Revelation 22:5).

[10]**Fifthly**, because the moon is mentioned, night and day will continue, but we know that there will be no nights in heaven; just one never-ending day we all will enter into. This never-ending daylight will be radiating from God.

For PROOF, Zechariah 14:6-7 says: *"And it shall come to pass in that day, that the light shall not be clear, nor dark: But it shall be one day which shall be known to the LORD, not day, nor night: but it shall come to pass, that at evening time it shall be light."* Also, read Rev. 22:5.

[11]Similarly, Sabbath-day worshippers point to Psalm 42:4 *("When I remember these things, I pour out my soul in me: for I had gone with the multitude, I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept holyday"*). But again, this was not a command from God. Instead, it was what David did along with other Sabbath-keeping (**staying at home**) Israelites because of his overwhelming emotional stress, as mentioned in verses 2 and 3.

So then, what does Isaiah 66:20-24 mean if, <u>at face value</u>, the verses contradict New Testament texts? These verses simply mean: What would have happened if Jesus Christ didn't die and was crowned king, as was revealed in the Old Testament Scripture? <u>Then</u>, ALL NATIONS would have brought their burnt offerings and sacrifices to Jerusalem, weekly (from one Sabbath to the next) or monthly (from one new moon to the next) and worshipped the LORD there and had their sins forgiven (this was the purpose for bringing their sacrificial offerings to Jerusalem). As the blessings and curses promised to Israel if specific instructions <u>were</u> or <u>were not</u> followed (Deuteronomy 28:1-68), Israel chose death to their king, and <u>this</u> Old Testament revelation was history (Isaiah 66:20-24; Jeremiah 17:26; Ezekiel 45:17, 46:3, 12).

[12]In the Old Testament, there were two pathways laid out before Israel, and they had to collectively decide which pathway to take: these pathways were blessings or curses. Attached to both pathways were guidelines on what would happen to them if either of the pathways were chosen: the pathway of blessings if Israel abided by a very specific set of rules and the pathway of curses if they disobeyed those rules (Deuteronomy 28:1-68). We all know the pathway Israel took, and the rest was history.

[13]**Because the New Testament was not yet written when Jesus was born, the Old Testament gave another two fascinating (twist or picture) pathways of events**. They were: What was to happen if Israel embraced the Messiah (Jesus Christ) as their king? Interestingly, it allegorized events (kept them secret) that were to occur if they rejected and killed Him (1 Corinthians 2:7-8). The Old Testament showed what would happen if Jesus Christ (the Messiah) had lived, and crowned and reigned as King of Israel, and shortly afterward, the world. But the New Testament showed us the outcome: what actually happened after He was rejected and killed.

[14]Many scripture verses between Isaiah and Malachi were written with the **VIEW** that Jesus Christ was to come and reign as a conquering King on earth (in Israel first, then afterward, the world) and not die a painful death. (An exception to this was Isaiah 53:1-12, Daniel 9:24-27, and Zechariah 12:9-14). This **VIEW** became the **"key"** that unlocked the doors of many difficult passages of Scripture in the Old Testament on how His **<u>first</u>** Messianic mission would have unfolded, or all played out had they made Him king, and He accepted the position.

[15]Unfortunately, many who lived when Jesus began His ministry rejected the fact that He was the Messiah who would become the king and rule over them because He was not building an army of men like David did when he fled from Saul. He chose just a simple, very small bunch of uneducated men. (No doubt, in the minds of the leaders, uneducated fishermen, a tax collector, and an accountant cannot run an entire nation).

Many people began becoming very agitated with Jesus' progress toward becoming

king or ruler of Israel. He appeared not to have any interest in becoming one. In their minds and according to how the prophets described the messiah's mission, He may not be the person they spoke of. The prophet Isaiah said in 9:6-7, **"…the government shall be upon his shoulder…his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom to order it..."** The Messiah was supposed to have been focused on leading Israel out of oppression from the Romans, but Jesus seems not to be interested. His mission seems not to be heading in that direction.

As Moses led the people out of slavery and was constantly in "leadership face," they expected Jesus would do the same for Israel. Even more so, when the people wanted to make or crown Him king, He completely turned away and left them standing confused about His mission (John 6:15). As the people thought to themselves, He may not be the one whom the prophets spoke of because Jesus rejected the offer when it was presented to Him. Maybe, they thought, Jesus was just a great prophet and not the one who was to lead Israel out of Roman bondage. This was a major problem they had with Him, and they were extremely confused.

Accepting the post of king, they thought, was honourable and desirable to any well-known person. Therefore, it looked as though He wanted someone else or some other group of people, like the religious leaders, to decide this for Him before taking on this position. It appeared that, because of a rejection from these leaders, He refused all attempts the people made to get Him to accept the post. This was not a conquering king's (or leader's) mindset, they thought. (The mindset should be to dominate, take charge, direct, command, control, dictate, etc. Also, to teach his followers war tactics: Judges 3:2).

A serious difficulty that piled on their already overbearing state of confusion, causing reasonable doubts about Jesus, was when they heard that even the "prophet" John the Baptist, who introduced Him earlier as "the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world," had doubts about whether Jesus was indeed the conquering king who was supposed to come or expect someone else. This added to their disillusionment (Matthew 11:2-3; Luke 7:19-20).

Furthermore, most of Jesus' inner circle of men selected were uneducated fishermen (Acts 4:13). None of them went to college, nor did they pursue higher academic learning. Therefore, they were not properly capable of managing a ministry of any government.

Another problem was that Jesus was training them to be preachers and teachers, perhaps to take up positions in synagogues, but not leaders to conquer nations and control the people. He was not teaching them weaponry or how to be battlefield smart; neither was He teaching them how to fight or survive. Even though Moses did neither of them as well, he was always in Pharaoh's presence, demanding that he let the people of God go or suffer the consequences. Jesus was not doing anything to show signs that the Romans must immediately release the children of Israel from "enslavement."

However, little did the people know and **fully** understand (and at that time, all Jews, including John the Baptist [Luke 7:18-24] and the other disciples) what Jesus really came to the earth to do. **Old Testament Scripture showed (and provided many verses) where He was coming as a conquering king**. This was what everyone was thinking. But as we read the New Testament (which was not yet available to them at the time), we discovered that **He indeed came to conquer. But, first and foremost, He came to conquer sin, then death. Afterward, His enemies, all of them, before reigning as a conquering king of the earth**. He came to die **first**, to shed His blood for the remission of sins, to pay our sin debt, and afterward, to conquer death by dying and rising from the dead...

More on this in the document called: ***"The Judgment of Judas Iscariot"*** found at www.apublicviewing.com.

[16]Below is a summarized narrative of what would have happened (according to many Old Testament scripture verses) if Jesus was made King of the Jews and, afterward, the world; or if He had lived and not died. Just before reading this narrative, keep in mind

what Jesus said in John 10:17-18. He could not die at the hands of men. It was only when He allowed (commended or gave up) His Spirit to leave His body, that was when His body died; otherwise, man could not kill Him (Luke 23:46). Furthermore, the "wages of sin" law (Romans 6:23) could not affect Him because He was sinless. Therefore, if He did not allow death to end His life temporarily, man (or death) would have never been able to kill Him (or take His life). He would still be alive today.

[17]Therefore, **Isaiah 66:20-24 (see above and many other verses listed below) pointed to, "What would have happened if Jesus Christ didn't die?"** and was made and crowned King of Israel and, afterward, the world.

Imagine A Perfect King Ruling In A Sinful World!

Imagine what would have happened if Jesus did not suffer and die. Imagine the nation of Israel ruled by Jesus Christ instead of sinful kings, prophets, judges, or people who have all proven to be failures—who are all sinners and have failed every time. Imagine a perfect human ruling in a sinful world. According to the law, anyone "stepping out of line" will be destroyed. All laws will be carried out **perfectly** and **forever**. Humans will have to "stay in line" or die. All blessings mentioned in Deuteronomy 28:1-68 would come to pass, and the curses would all disappear.

What would happen when loved ones die? Jesus would then raise them from death. Dead loved ones would rise again, including Old Testament saints who have been dead for many years and were obedient to God's charges. (They walked in His statutes and kept His judgments, commandments, and testimonies. Unfortunately, though, they would have all been raised in the old bodies they died in. It would not have been a glorified body; it would have remained mortal and not been upgraded to immortality).

Outposts around the world would be set up to accommodate all sicknesses and diseases. They would all disappear, including old age and/or old-age ailments. All that would be required is to look, touch, eat, drink, go to, etc., for the healing (Ezekiel 47:1-9). All lost persons would be found; all courtrooms would disappear except one. There would be no further need for doctors or lawyers (nor their business spin-offs). Their professions will disappear. All mysteries will be solved. All animals will be friendly: the lion and lamb will enjoy each other and play together (Isaiah 11:1-12).

All bad habits will be corrected. All broken bones and missing limbs will be restored. All blind and deaf persons will have their sight and hearing restored (Isaiah 29:18, 35:5-6). All mentally challenged persons will have their mental problems corrected. Violence and murders around the world will not be heard of anymore (Isaiah 60:18). Perpetrators will be found and destroyed. Banks will no longer exist, including risk deals (insurance companies) and caretaking inns (hospitals). They all will disappear. Those who became wealthy by godly means retained all their wealth, and those who acquired it in ungodly ways will lose everything. All corruption will be exposed; there will be no more dirty or sinful secrets. No more hiding, no more false religion, and on and on. (Many of the above events already began taking shape, which angered the leaders of the people. Jesus' message and miracles began crippling their esteemed reputations, business investments, and financial returns).

Obviously, Satan and his warlords were not sure whether they could have operated in this type of environment where everyone would be taught **perfect** skills and techniques to resist devils and, therefore, conquer them or face judgment (Zechariah 13:2). People would be taught **perfect** faith that moved mountains and be given tremendous miraculous abilities. (Definitely, Luke 9:1-2, 10:17-20, and John 14:12 greatly agitated Satan and his evil warlords. Certainly, after all of what Jesus was doing, they must have all agreed that this had to be stopped quickly).

In Isaiah 66:20-24 (and many other verses), **God revealed what would have happened if Lucifer did not stir up the crowds to kill Jesus or if He did not die**.

[18]During Jesus' miracle mission, all components in the narrative above began falling in line or coming together. Now, with this narrative in mind, let us look at Isaiah 66:20-24 again.

[19]**If Jesus did not die for the sins of the world**, these verses meant that all nations (**originally, it was all Israel; now it's all nations**) would bring their "sin offerings" to Jerusalem, where He (Jesus) would have been made ruler and king. Also, sometime afterward, He will be King of the entire earth. (This was not just their "brethren" nor their "offering in a clean vessel," as is mentioned in the text, but also their sin offerings. **Read Isaiah 56:6-7, Ezekiel 46:1-15, and Zechariah 14:16-21, along with Isaiah 66:20-24 above).** God (Jesus) will act as or replace the High Priest and accept the offerings. (This was the sacrificial, burnt, or love offering for the forgiveness of sins every year). According to the text, sin will still be present, and the forgiveness process will continue forever. Also, death will befall all transgressors who refuse to bring their offerings to God.

[20]The forgiveness of sins process would still have been ongoing: every day, seven days a week, 30 days per month, and on and on (**meaning**, "…from one new moon to another, and from one Sabbath to another…"). **Daily and nightly**, the nations would come to worship God and bring their sin and love offerings. Those that don't will be destroyed. Isaiah 66:23 explains what Ezekiel 46:3 meant by "night and day, from one Sabbath to the next" (seven days a week) and "from one month to the next" (from one new moon to the next). Also, it will be yearly, according to Zechariah 14:16.

[21]**Isaiah 60:19-20, when compared to 66:20-24, can become very confusing if taken without (or unaccompanied with) other verses and at face value. In chapter 60, nights will discontinue, but in chapter 66, night and day will continue**. This was so because, in **Isaiah 60:19-20**, there will no longer be any more nights (or "darkness") in God's new Kingdom.

[22]Isaiah 60:19-20 pointed to **Revelation 22:5**, where there will be no more nights ("day and night" was figuratively used in Revelation 7:15). According to Hebrews Chapters 3 to 4 and Revelation, there will just be one single eternal, never-ending day. Saints will enter an eternal, single day of rest: no more "from one new moon to another, and from one Sabbath to another," or thirty days per month, seven days per week. It will be just one single eternal, never-ending day of **REST** (Zechariah 14:6-7).

[23]In conclusion, **Isaiah 66:20-24 pointed to what would have happened if Jesus had not died but was made or crowned King of Israel and, afterward, the world.**

[24]Jewish scribes and scholars during and after the Babylonian captivity were certain that **Isaiah 66:20-24**, alongside **1 Chronicles 17:11-12** and **2 Chronicles 2:4, pointed to** the direction in which all Old Testament prophecies were headed regarding the Messiah's mission and the **new** Sabbath "worship-day" law. Therefore, according to them, these verses would fulfill (or be the fulfillment of) God's redemption plans of freedom from their enemies and their worship-day manner (or pattern) in the new world established by the Messiah. **(This was no doubt how going to a synagogue on the Sabbath day to worship God came about)**. Satan appeared to have also accepted this "prophetic order," and as a result, it had to be disturbed or altered at all costs due to how the crowds were stirred up to kill Jesus.

[25]Lucifer and his warlords, thinking to disturb the natural prophetic order of things mentioned in the Old Testament, focused all their energy on destroying Jesus. They made their decision and carried it out; the rest was history.

[26]Jesus' "Lamb of God" title (or role) in John 1:29, 36, and the assumed, never-ending offerings mentioned above (which would have continued according to how the verses were interpreted had they not killed Him, or He had not died) confused Satan and his evil warlords

as to how events would have all played out. Had they known, they would not have crucified the LORD but would have taken a different, long-term, structured course of action. This was so because Jesus' death made it so much easier for humanity's sins to be forgiven (without working). Now it could be done by simply praying (no physical work involved). In the Old Testament, it was done by working: raising or buying the animal sacrificial offering, examining it carefully for sickness, bruises, broken bones, faults, etc., then taking it, or journeying to Jerusalem, and giving it to the priest, who then performs everything instructed by the law of Moses, or the law of God. (It is believed that Satan would have been more successful in destroying humanity if he had allowed Jesus to live and not stirred up the crowds to kill Him).

[27]After all the events occurred, an uncalculated, unthought-of, written "New Testament" covenant deal (making the current one "Old") blew their minds. Jeremiah 31:31-34 (fulfilled in Hebrews 8:7-13) was not properly considered during their deliberations and planning for Jesus' death.

2 Scriptural text verses to carefully examine that proved Jesus was supposed to have come as a conquering king.

Keep in mind, as you read, that many of these verses below did not come to pass due to the decision pathway Israel chose. They rejected Jesus as their Messiah, who was supposed to come, which changed the entire dynamics and outcome of Isaiah 66:20-24.

[28]Read the verses listed below and the short comments made on how the current testament at the time (the Old Testament) would play out if Jesus had lived and not suffered and died. Another testament (the New Testament) was unthought-of (hidden), and neither did it come into the minds of all those who plotted Jesus' death (Satan and his evil warlords). Therefore, it was not considered a part of their deliberations. (Remember, Jesus' enemies only had the Old Testament to work with). The **highlighted verses** below represent very strong positions held on what would have happened if Jesus did not die but became King of the nations.

Psalms

22:27-31, 72:1-20

Isaiah

1:26-28, 2:2-4, 12-21, **9:6-7** (this verse was closely examined, especially the statement, "…**his government and peace there shall be no <u>end</u>**…") **11:1-16**. (These verses, no doubt, were carefully examined by the enemy along with the deliberating twist below, under the heading, ***The Behind-the-Scenes Crucifixion Plot.*** See the last paragraph below for more information). 16:5, **19:17-25 (No doubt, Lucifer and his warlords were fearful of this happening. Egypt was a type of the world, and so its conversion would destroy Satan's plans for good)**. **25:8-10** (They were, no doubt, thinking that this verse referred to what would happen if Jesus lived and became the ruler and king of Jerusalem. Also, "…swallow up death in victory…" and "…GOD will wipe away <u>tears</u> from off <u>all</u> faces…" surely made them all begin thinking that their dreadful end was about to occur). 27:12-13, 29:17-20, 32:1, 35:1-10, **40:1-5** (These verses were of serious concern when compared with Malachi 4:5, especially verse 5: "…before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD…"). 42:1-7 (The focus is on verse 4: "He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth…"). 45:11-17 (Lucifer and his warlords were very afraid of this happening). 52:14-15 and **53:1-12 (These verses, thrown into the deliberation mix, no doubt confused Satan and his warlords. Many other verses present Jesus as a conquering King, but these verses "assumingly" have <u>someone</u> who may or may not be the Messiah, according to the way all of them may have been thinking, as being despised, rejected, sorrowful, grieved, not esteemed, stricken, smitten, afflicted, wounded, bruised, chastised, oppressed, slaughtered, stripped, dumb,**

cut off out of the land of the living, made his grave with the wicked, etc. They were all certainly unsure how to interpret this chapter. [[a]A fictitious story told that goes something like this: As these verses were carefully being examined by Lucifer and his warlords, "smart," "intelligent," high-ranking officer Baal said, "Master, these verses may be talking or pointing to you." He nervously continued, "If you read Isaiah 53:1-12 and continue with Isaiah 14:12-21, somehow, with the exception to verse 9 in Chapter 53, the verses may be pointing to you. Furthermore, if you think carefully about verse 9, you did no violence, just a little persuasion, but those ignorant humans did. Also, God will **make** you bear the sins of the whole world in that frightening Lake of Fire we saw when we were cast out of heaven and somehow **make** you intercede or plead there forever for all transgressors." Lucifer simply "eyeballed" Baal, "cutting his eyes" at him]**). 56:6-7** (Like 66:20-24, the statement no doubt caused scholars to create a false outlook on events that were to take place: "…**their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted**…" In their minds, burnt offerings and sacrifices were to continue and be enforced by the conquering ruling king of the earth). **60:1-22** (These verses no doubt further confused Jesus' enemies). **61:1-9** (When Jesus said what He did in Luke 4:18, Lucifer knew without a doubt that Isaiah 61:1-2 referred to Him. But what does it truly mean? Isaiah 61:3-9 explains it. These verses, along with 62:1-12, were, no doubt, read carefully). **65:17-25** (This was another verse interpreted to mean what would happen if Jesus Christ became king or ruler of the planet and did not die). **Isaiah 66:20-24, along with 2 Chronicles 2:4**, had to have been the main table topic of discussion on events and how they were to have played out.

Jeremiah

3:16-18 (These verses, no doubt, helped Lucifer and his evil team to build their nasty plot. They figured out how Jesus' mission would have all come together). **23:4-8**, 30:9 (Old Testament saints would rise again when Jesus became ruler). 31:6-14, 31-34, 37-40 (The statement that no doubt confused the evil plotters was: **"…the woman with child and her that travaileth with child together…"** Reproduction (or new births) would continue in Jesus' Kingdom if He had not died. Also, some laws would change. (Read Beelzebub's factitious comments in the section below called: "***The Behind-the-Scenes Crucifixion Plot***"). 32:37-40, and 33:15-18.

Ezekiel

18:3-9 (These verses say: "…the soul that sinneth, it shall die. But if a man be just, and do that which is lawful and right…Hath walked in my statutes, and hath kept my judgments, to deal truly; he is just, he shall surely live, saith the Lord GOD." The chapter continues with the criteria for living and dying. According to Jesus' enemies, these verses had to be referring to Jesus' kingly reign on earth. This was simply because of how the words "die" and "live" were used in the passage: **faithful** men, for example, Abraham, Moses, Job, etc., have all "**died**" long before the Book of Ezekiel was written. They did not "**live**." Thus, these verses must refer to the period Jesus was made ruler of the planet, as they all thought when compared to Isaiah 66:24 above). 28:11-19, 34:11-16, 22-31, **36:24-35 (the key statement here is "…This land that was desolate is become like the Garden of Eden…")**. 37:1-14, 21-28, **38:1-23**, **39:1-29** (This was what would have happened to all nations that came up **against** Israel after Jesus became ruler in Jerusalem. These verses were examined carefully. They also pointed to the unavailable, at the time, New Testament text at Revelation 20:8). **43:1-9, 44:1-3, and 46:1-15** (Apparently, when the "Prince" shall come, there will still be sacrifices and offerings for sins on the altar; therefore, in the minds of the plotters, Jesus would not be that absolute sacrifice for sin. This was because the Prince was none other than Jesus Christ. **These verses, along with Isaiah 56:6-7, confused the entire evil group: Jesus' Lamb of God role and the continued sacrifice for sins.** Ezekiel 46:12 said that "…the prince shall prepare a **voluntary** burnt offering or peace offerings **voluntarily** unto the LORD…" Satan and his warlords concluded that because of this verse,

this person, the prince, could not be God or the Messiah. To be offering it means that the person is a sinner. They, nevertheless, missed the words "voluntary" and "voluntarily" in the passage. They also missed the connecting comments Jesus made to John the Baptist when there was no need for Him to be baptized because of who He was. He voluntarily did so. Jesus said ***"…Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness"*** [Matthew 3:15]. Thus, voluntary means by choice, of one's own accord, or one's own free will, on one's own initiative, without being asked. It also means intentional, or uncompelled. If we could have examined the mind of Christ, as was stated in Philippians 2:5-11, [*"…Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father"*]. **Even though the prince did not have to offer burnt or peace offering sacrifices, He would have still voluntarily done so because it would have "fulfilled all righteousness" at the time if He did not die and was crowned king). 47:1-9** (The river that will flow from the house of the LORD will be for the healing of the nations. Any or all sickness will be healed. This includes old age. From these verses, the evil plotters calculated how sinners would live forever with Christ during His eternal "human" reign on earth. **Ezekiel, from Chapter 40 through to Chapter 48, described how Jesus' kingly reign would have all played out had they not killed Him. It was to be a "perfect" environment by demand from Jesus Himself and forever). 48:35** (The name of the city from that day onward would be called, The LORD is there).

Daniel

2:44, **7:13-14**, 9:24-27 (The statement, "…shall Messiah be cut off, **but not for himself**…" was, no doubt, extremely confusing to the evil group, especially the statement, "**but not for himself**." They probably did not know what it truly meant). 12:2 ("**Many**" shall awake, and **not "all**," according to how they understood the meaning of this verse).

Hosea

1:11, 2:18-23, 14:3-8.

Joel

2:19-32, 3:1-2

Micah

4:1-7, 5:1-15 (What was prophesied here would have happened had they not killed Jesus).

Nahum

1:2-15

Zephaniah

1:4-18 (This was perhaps one of the deciding verses that caused this evil group of plotters to move forward with trying to destroy Jesus). 2:9-11 and 3:9-20.

Haggai

2:9

Zechariah

2:5-13 (Verse 11 may have really gotten their attention). 3:1-10, 6:12-15, 8:20-23 (These verses were indisputable evidence of how events in Israel would have all played out if Jesus had remained alive). **9:9** (This is another verse that is believed to have caused Lucifer and his warlords to move swiftly forward with plans to destroy Jesus. This was simple because **verse 9:9 was fulfilled in John 14:14-16, right before their eyes**. Old Testament prophecies began to all fall into place. No doubt, Lucifer and his evil gang began desperately trying to disturb it). 12:9-14 (These verses were extremely confusing to

them). **13:2** (This verse, "…I will cut off the names of the idols out of the land, and they shall no more be remembered: and also **I will cause the prophets and the unclean spirit to pass out of the land**…," no doubt, infuriated Lucifer and his warlords. They began seeing their fate flashing before their eyes during Jesus' ministry. The "great and dreadful day of the LORD," mentioned in Malachi 4:5, was about to begin. Their comrades were being cast out in droves). 13:7 (This verse was an excellent idea to them: "…smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered…" It, no doubt, caused them to do what they did to Jesus). **14:1-21** (Notice that heathens will be around, and those who choose not to come to Jerusalem to worship the King will be destroyed. See also Acts 3:22-23 and Deuteronomy 18:15-19 for what Moses said regarding Jesus).

Malachi

3:1-5, 18 (Righteousness will populate the land again; this spelled bad news for Satan and his warlords. **Discernment** will expose those who are not righteous. This was a big concern because the verses pointed to Jesus. It was clearly understood in verse five what was about to take place in Israel). **4:4-6** (Elijah, in the person of John the Baptist, will come just before the coming of the **great and dreadful day of the LORD**. Jesus confirmed this in Matthew 11:13-14 and 17:11-12. These verses undoubtedly proved that Jesus was about to set up His Kingdom on earth. As a result, no doubt, in Lucifer's mind, Jesus had to be quickly stopped and destroyed. In such a short period of time, just over three years, lots of Old Testament prophecies to get Jesus closer to achieving His mission on earth began to unfold. Soon, for Lucifer and his wicked warlords, in their thoughts, it would be a catastrophic disaster for them: "the great and dreadful day of the LORD" **WILL** be upon them).

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The Behind-the-Scenes Crucifixion Plot

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There were several critical issues that were of grave concern to Lucifer and his warlords, which began wiping out their strongholds among the people.

They were: **(1)** Jesus' unprecedented strategic approach (low, meek, and humble) to become King appeared to be working. **(2)** All miracles that helped to achieve His goals (restoring sight to the blind, restoring hearing to the deaf, restoring lost limbs and broken bones, curing all forms of leprosy, diseases, and sickness, etc.) were getting Him closer and closer to His mission assignment. **(3)** Rumors of the dead coming back to life (**a powerful miracle to prove who He was and what He could do for mankind**) erupted and were seriously spreading among the people. **(4)** Satan's demonic host was being cast out in droves and, therefore, wiping out strategic plans, positions of control, deception, and human destruction. **(5)** Jesus' transfer of miraculous powers to humans (Matthew 10:1, Luke 10:19) so that they, too, began performing miracles and casting out devils. **(6)** Satan's wicked judicial and religious systems were all falling apart, and their corrupt practices were being exposed, even spreading to other foreign nations. **(7)** People began leaving false teachings and embracing Jesus' message; many began believing in Him.

(Certainly, Satan did not want a greater repeat of what happened with Solomon in 2 Chronicles 9:23 and verse 26. It would be a fatal blow to his planned program, especially if Jesus reigned as king over all the earth. If it was allowed to occur or be established, then it would inevitably last or remain forever).

As Lucifer and his warlords carefully read through the Old Testament scripture (remember that the New Testament scripture

was not yet written), plotting how to destroy Jesus, Beelzebub threw a "monkey wrench" (another twist or scenario, so to speak) into the whole deliberation (the mixing bowl of confusion) as to how events that have taken place will all play out. He predicted that if Jesus was left alive (or alone), He might marry a woman and have righteous or perfect children with her. He said, "What do you think would happen if He got married to a woman?" **The entire meeting went silent, with all eyes focused intently on Beelzebub, listening carefully and in deep thought.** Beelzebub continued, "If it could happen with God and Mary, it certainly could happen with Jesus and a woman. Remember, the righteous bloodline flows through the man, not the woman."

Mary, Jesus' mother, was examined closely, and it was concluded that perfect children and offspring were possible through the **bloodline** of Jesus (this was because Jesus was born through Mary, His earthly, human mother. He was conceived perfect and without sin). If God (the Father) did it through Mary and produced a perfect human (His Son, Jesus), then certainly, Jesus can **legally** do the same through **a wife** (one woman) whom He may marry. The bloodline comes through the man and not the woman. Therefore, a perfect bloodline will come from Jesus, and not the woman He marries.

Beelzebub painted a distasteful picture for the entire group of evil warlords. He said, "What would happen if Jesus married a woman, produced children (boys and girls), and they grew up and married among themselves (or their own kind as Adam's children did), and their children also grew up and married and had children, and this cycle continued? If they maintain their perfect and sinless lifestyles and continue spreading it as they multiply, what would happen over a period of 200 to 300 years if they were all fruitful, and increased abundantly, and the earth became filled with them?" This, they thought, explains what Jeremiah 31:8-9 meant ("…the woman with child…"), **especially Ezekiel 46:16-18 and Malachi 3:18**.

He challenged all attendees to read Ezekiel's Chapter 40 through to Chapter 48, along with Daniel 9:25-26 (especially the statement, "…the people of the Prince…") again for strong evidence of this happening. **"Sinful mankind may eventually fail God and be destroyed over time**, and these perfect humans would live forever because they would be sinless and repopulate the entire earth. We then would be doomed because all of them would give the entire earth to Jesus (representing God) to carry out His original 'Garden of Eden' plans (Ezekiel 36:24-35). **This truly explains how He will build His army to conquer as King without violence."**

Satan was "blown away" by the theory. It was certainly possible (as he pondered it to himself), and then he cursed God. *This will not be allowed to happen,* he thought. He will attack Jesus at all costs and make Him undesirable to any woman, disturbing any reproduction possibilities when he is finished with Him.

Satan began strategizing a challenge to throw at God, all being part of the process of destroying Jesus and disrupting His mission, according to Old Testament scripture, of becoming King. This was similar to what he had tried doing when Job's "upright" and "perfect" lifestyle was brought up by God (Job 1:8). He took away Job's possessions, but it did not work. He then inflicted an uncomfortable disease that broke out in sores all over Job's body, but failed the challenge again because **he believed** it was not accompanied with unbearable pain and suffering. ***No human can endure unbearable pain and suffering; none!*** Satan thought.

Satan later came before God's presence and stood out, pointing his finger in a direction where Jesus may have been at the time, then threw out his challenge (so to speak) regarding Jesus. He said: **No Man! No…Man! "None!"** can endure incredibly intense, **unbearable pain** and **suffering**. If this was inflicted on your Son, Jesus, He **'WILL Curse'** you to your face and **'Disobey'** your every Will and Command. Satan also mumbled about the unfair selection of Peter's role (Luke 22:31) because Jesus ratified him in Matthew 16:17-19.

God (the Father) paused for a while (as though He was in deep thought), and then accepted the challenge by instructing Satan (giving him permission) to proceed. Afterward,

Satan quickly left in haste. (**Satan did not know the words of Elihu** in Job 33:21-22 predicted or prophesied what he was to do with Jesus: **"His flesh is consumed away, that it cannot be seen; and his bones that were not seen stick out…" Thus, following a similar occurrence mentioned in Job 1:6-12 and 2:1-6**).

As soon as Satan left God's presence, Jesus said what He did in John 12:31 that caused him (Lucifer) to go into a frenzy and move swiftly forward with his plans, even though they all were already on high alert. (This was because of what Jesus said earlier in Matthew 4:17, 10:7, 16:28, and Mark 9:1. He thought the Kingdom of God was about to appear). Lucifer had to work fast because of this—no more meetings, deliberations, strategizing, or procrastination. Action is all that is needed! He had to quickly make his move, and his thoughts were **"NOW"** before God changed His mind. He remembered the prophecies that were all beginning to unfold, creating major problems for him and his pending challenge. This challenge was about to begin.

Satan himself did not clearly understand Jesus' statement in Mark 9:31. Along with the disciples, he, too, was confused when Jesus mentioned that He was to be killed and raised from the dead. **He thought it might have been some kind of parable,** allegorical, or figurative statement. This was because he knew Ezekiel 18:4 (**"…the soul that sinneth, it shall die."**), and that Jesus was sinless; therefore, He could not die because He was free from sin. Satan thought He must have been referring to something else. According to him, it was an allegorical, figurative, or symbolic statement because all Scripture (the New Testament was not yet written) recorded Him coming as a conquering king, conquering everything around Him. So then, He could not die.

(Satan confirmed this during the beating when Jesus should have been literally dead long before the beating ended. This was because of His appearance and how torn up His body looked afterward).

The Father then instructed Jesus on the **details** of what would happen as He approached the garden with His disciples. Also, He informed Him that some elements of perfection (no pain and suffering, no mistakes, no accidents, no death, ongoing protection, etc.) would be set aside during the process. Also, when the "behind the scenes" redemption plan begins, it cannot be stopped, or it fails.

Even though Jesus knew He was to die and raise again on the third day, He struggled, staggered, and stared in a daze over the "**detailed**" information. He was in deep and "difficult" thoughts. He instructed Peter, James, and John to wait for Him at their favorite spot. He continued for a short distance so that they would not hear the communication with Him and His Father, and so as not to disappoint them at this time in any way about what was said and about to happen. The others were a small distance away from them. However, Peter, James, and John were closer if He needed their immediate support.

When Jesus was alone in the garden, He knew what the unclean spirits would do to Him, which was why, being in agony, He prayed earnestly until His sweat was "as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground" (Luke 22:44). He asked His Father whether the cup of suffering could be taken away or some other way of paying the world's sin debt, but His Father said to Him that this was the only way.

He obediently said, **"…Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God... Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and offering for sin thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure therein; which are offered by the law...Lo, I come to do thy will, O God…"** (Psalm 40:6-8; Hebrews 10:7-9). After saying this and committing Himself to His Father's will, He knew He would face the biggest challenge of His human life and be at the mercy of the unclean spirits' hands. The only thing that kept Him from reacting otherwise was His intense love for His creation **(you, the reader)** and His Father. If He had responded with the **power** at His will, He would have lost all of mankind—all His children **forever**.

Lucifer, not quite yet fully understanding God's **omniscient attribute** (all-knowingness), was unaware that God already knew and saw

his challenge and the outcome long before the foundation of the world. It was a part of the plan to redeem man (or His fallen creation) back to Himself: **The Ultimate Sacrificial Act**.

For the continuation, read the *"The Ultimate Sacrificial Act…"* section found in the document called *"So then, why did God choose Himself to come to the earth…"* at www.apublicviewing.com.

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The Pardon Agreement

…This agreement is not something you can work for. It cannot be earned by what you do. This agreement cannot be purchased or paid for: I paid it already. This Pardon Agreement is FREE for the asking. **"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened."** (Matthew 7:7, Luke 11:9-10)

My Pardon Agreement is a **"NOW!"** contract or covenant deal between both of us: Me and you! It cannot wait until you perform a self-cleaning exercise. If you try doing that first before accepting My Pardon Agreement, you WILL never pull it off. Remember that you are fighting powerful evil forces who know how to break you apart and destroy every effort you make trying to get close to Me. For this reason, I will do the self-cleaning for you. I want you to come to Me just the way you are and let Me do your self-cleaning exercise. **"Come now, and let us reason together…though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool."** (Isaiah 1:18) **"…behold, now is the accepted time; now is the day of salvation."** (2 Corinthians 6:2) **"…To day if ye will hear…harden not your hearts…"** (Hebrews 3:15) **"Boast not thyself of to morrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth."** (Proverbs 27:1)

I love you so much (John 3:16) and want you to want Me. I am determined to go to great lengths to get you, if you really want Me. Because of your sins, you have to come to Me on your own free will. I will not make you come, even though I desperately want to. Please come to Me. I tearfully and passionately want you to come! **To show you how desperate I want you, I am willing to change your desires (your will). Just ask Me to do it, and I will give you the desire to want Me so that you can come to Me.** Many people claim that God cannot be desperate. If I wasn't, I would not have gone to Calvary for you. I am desperate for you and desperately want you to want Me. **Please come!** Come so that I can start and complete The Pardon Agreement process for you. **"Come unto me, all ye that labour 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 you souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."** (Matthew 11:28-30)

I just want you to also know upfront that I am a jealous God; so much so until My name is Jealous. (Ex. 20:5, 34:14) It is a part of My nature or character that cannot be changed or altered, and therefore, you must accept this fact when approaching Me…

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