

God's Sign and Seal

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-The Memorial of Creation and Redemption-

**Remember to pray for wisdom before you begin*

- 1.) Three powerful urgent messages are to be proclaimed in these last days to planet earth and its inhabitants and they are recorded in the Apocalyptic book of Revelation Ch. 14. What is the first of these three messages? Revelation 14:6 *And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the _____ to preach unto them that dwell on the _____, and to every _____, and kindred, and _____, and people, 7 Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and _____ him that _____ heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters. NOTE: Notice verse 7 in the emphasis of worship of the One Who created or made this world, the heavens and everything in these realms. This is a call to worship the Creator! In an age where the teaching of evolution seems to pervade almost every corner of our culture –a strong voice is crying out to worship the one who designed and brought everything into existence. At this time and hour, the timing couldn't be more appropriate!*

- 2.) In the Bible is there a special memorial that commemorates this marvelous work of Creation when God brought everything into existence? Genesis 2:1 *Thus the heavens and the earth were _____, and all the host of them. 2 And on the _____ God ended his work which he had made; and he _____ on the seventh day from all his work which he had _____.* 3 *And God _____ the _____, and _____ it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God _____ and made. 4 These are the generations of the _____ and of the _____ when they were _____, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, NOTE: Keep this theme of a "Memorial of Creation" in mind as you study this subject. It will grow and build into a beautiful structure as you go along.*

- 3.) There are many who claim that evolution did indeed happen but it was assisted by God Who used a long process of time to accomplish it. Is this really what the Bible teaches? Let's look at several verses of scripture on this point. Genesis 1:11 *And God said, Let the earth _____ grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it _____ so. 12 And the earth _____ forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good. 13 And the _____ and the _____ were the third _____. NOTE: Here it says "evening and the morning." The Hebrew word for "day" is *yowm* which is a 24-hour day. This is obviously talking about a literal day because it repeats this "evening and morning" after each day of creation and then says God rested the seventh-day. Why would God ask humanity to observe each seventh-day as a day of rest and worship if creation week wasn't a literal week? Let's look at another scripture. Psalm 33:6 *By the _____ of the**

LORD were the heavens _____; and all the host of them by the _____ of his mouth. **8** Let all the earth fear the LORD: let all the _____ of the world stand in awe of him. **9** For he spake, and it was done; he _____, and it stood _____. **NOTE: If it seems unscientific for some people to accept that God created this whole world in six literal days, then we also have to realize that many of the miracles recorded all throughout the Bible would equally be unscientific. These would include the virgin birth of Christ, the resurrection of Lazarus after he had been dead four days, the turning of water to wine at the wedding of Cana, and the list could go on. We either accept by faith what God's Word says or abandon our faith in Christianity altogether. There can be no half-way point on this! Some who even profess Christianity say that the first so-many chapters in Genesis is myth and can't be trusted as fact. If that is the case, then Jesus and the Apostle Paul are also mythical because they state or quote the characters and incidents of the first part of Genesis as factual. If one part of the Bible is untrustworthy, then how can we trust any other part? Many people will go to eternal destruction simply because of their unbelief in the Bible as God's Word.**

4.) Did God just create one time in the past (Creation week) or does He presently create as well as sustain His creation even now? Ps 102:18 This shall be written for the generation to _____: and the people which _____ be _____ shall praise the LORD. **Psalm 104:30** Thou _____ forth thy spirit, they _____ created: and thou renewest the face of the earth. **Isaiah 43:7** Even every one that is called by my name: for I have _____ him for my glory, I have _____ him; yea, I have _____ him. **Psalm 139:13** For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's _____. **14** I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully _____: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well. **15** My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in _____, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. **16** Thine eyes did see my _____, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were _____, when as yet there was none of them. **Colossians 1:17** And he is before all things, and by him all things _____. **NOTE: The work of God's creative power keeps going on every time a baby is conceived and grows in the womb, every time a broken bone or wound heals and every time a miraculous healing takes place. When Jesus healed the withered hand or raised Lazarus from the dead, a type of "creation" was performed. Jesus, according to the Bible is the Creator [and restorer] of all things (see #5 below). To Him we direct our worship and praise. And most of all He has a specific day that we are to worship Him.**

5.) Who was the great agent of all creation according to the scriptures? John 1:3 All things were _____ by him; and without him was not _____ made that was made. **10** He was in the world, and the _____ was _____ by him, and the world knew him not. **Ephesians 3:9** And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who _____ all things by _____ Christ: **Hebrews 1:2** Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath

appointed heir of all things, _____ whom also he _____ the worlds; **Colossians 1:16** For by him [Jesus] were all things _____, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: _____ things were _____ by him, and for him: **NOTE: Jesus the Son of God is actually the focus of the whole Bible. He created everything and keeps it sustained and functioning. Except for Adam and Eve, He created all humans from the womb and if that were not enough, He came down into our flesh, died for us and then re-creates us into His image! And He has a special Day that He asks for our worship and observance. It is the Memorial of His Creation and it can never be changed!**

6.) Which one of the Ten Commandments commands us to observe this special Memorial of Creation and why does it tell us to do so? **Exodus 20:8** Remember the _____ day, to keep it _____. **9** _____ days shalt thou _____, and do all thy work: **10** But the _____ day is the Sabbath of the _____ thy _____: in it thou shalt _____ do any _____, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: **11** _____ in six days the LORD _____ heaven and _____, the sea, and all that in them is, and _____ the seventh day: wherefore the LORD _____ the Sabbath day, and _____ it. **NOTE: The Sabbath day (Saturday) memorializes the work of God creating this world in six literal days. It is a constant reminder that we owe our very existence to the one who created us and provides our every heart-beat. After we were damaged by sin, He bought us back by His redemption. So, we are doubly His by Creation and Redemption!**

7.) How is the Sabbath even a memorial of our redemption? When and what day did Jesus die for our sins and when He died, what day did He rest in the tomb? **Luke 23:54** And that day was the _____, and the Sabbath _____ on. **55** And the women also, which came with him from Galilee, followed after, and beheld the sepulchre, and how his _____ was laid. **56** And they returned, and prepared spices and ointments; and _____ the Sabbath day according to the _____. **Matthew 28:1** In the _____ of the Sabbath, as it began to dawn _____ the _____ day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulcher. **NOTE: Jesus died later Friday afternoon just before the Sabbath began, rested in the tomb over the Sabbath having paid our redemption price, then raised from the tomb early Sunday morning. FURTHER NOTE: Luke 23:54-56; 24:1 is striking evidence as a passage of scripture that basically proves that the Seventh-day Sabbath (Saturday) is the same day that the Jews and early Christian church observed. The very fact that the present Christian world observes "Easter Sunday" shows you that most people know which day Sunday is, which means they CAN know which day the Sabbath is. Some might ask, "Is the Seventh-day Saturday the same day in the weekly cycle as the one the Jews observed in Jesus' time?" The only way humanity could have lost track of the Seventh-day is if every single Jew in the last 19+ centuries overslept 24 hours and someone forgot to tell one of them about it. That's an absurdity!! There is simply NO ISSUE here! The Seventh-day is the original Sabbath!**

8.) What other record of the Ten Commandments gives another reason and different angle for keeping the Sabbath? Deuteronomy 5:15 [In context of 4th commandment (verses 12-15)] And remember that thou wast a _____ in the land of _____, and that the LORD thy God _____ thee out thence through a _____ hand and by a stretched-out arm: _____ the LORD thy God commanded thee to _____ the _____.

NOTE: The Egyptian enslavement represented bondage to sin. All through scripture is the concept of bondage to sin. Paul said this: Romans 6:16 Know ye not, that to whom ye _____ yourselves servants to _____, his servants ye are to _____ ye obey; whether of _____ unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? The Sabbath is also a Memorial of our redemption from the bondage and ruin from sin. We are doubly Christ's, first through Creation and secondly through Redemption.

9.) In what other scripture does it reveal that the Sabbath is a "sign" of Redemption? Ezekiel 20:12 Moreover also I gave them my _____, to be a _____ between me and them, that they might know that I am the LORD that _____ them. Through whom do we have this sanctification? 1Corinthians 1:30 But of him are ye in _____, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and _____, and _____.

NOTE: Sanctification which is the transformation of a bad person into a good person who reflects the lovely Jesus is a miraculous work, a type of creation. Only a powerful, loving God can do this type of miracle. The Sabbath is a sign of all this! People who don't believe that the Sabbath is important are very deceived! There is still a Seventh-day Sabbath to be sacredly kept and observed by God's last day people. The Sabbath is a sign of their utmost loyalty to Him. God will have a people who keep and obey God's commandments –all ten of them!

10.) How is the true God distinguished from all the false Gods out there? Jeremiah 10:10a But the LORD is the _____ God, he is the _____ God, and an everlasting king: . . . 11 Thus shall ye say unto them, the gods that have _____ the heavens and the earth, even they shall _____ from the earth, and from under these heavens. 12 He hath _____ the earth by his _____, he hath established the world by his _____, and hath stretched out the heavens by his _____. When we acknowledge who the true God and Creator is, what do the scriptures admonish us to do? Psalms 95:6 O come, let us _____ and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our _____.

11.) Is the Sabbath Jewish and was it made only for the Jews? Mark 2:27 And he said unto them, The Sabbath was made for _____, and not _____ for the _____: 28 Therefore the Son of man is _____ also of the Sabbath. Exodus 20:10 But the seventh day is _____: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy _____ that is within thy gates: **NOTE: Jesus states the Sabbath was made for man, the whole race. It is not a Jewish institution because it was established 2,300 years before**

there was a Jew. The Bible never calls it a Jewish Sabbath but only “the Sabbath of the LORD thy God.”

12.) Are the Gentiles promised a blessing from God if they will keep the Sabbath? Isaiah 56:6

*Also the sons of the _____, that join themselves to the LORD, to _____ him, and to love the name of the LORD, to be his servants, every one that _____ the _____ from polluting it, and taketh hold of my covenant; 7 _____ them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar; for mine _____ shall be called an house of prayer for all _____. **NOTE: The Bible is plain! The Sabbath was designed for all people.***

13.) Was the Sabbath a part of God’s law before being proclaimed with the rest of the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai in [Exodus 20]? Exodus 16:4

Then said the LORD unto Moses, Behold, I will rain _____ from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a certain rate every day, that I may prove them, whether they will walk in my _____, or no. 26 Six days ye shall gather it; but on the _____ day, which is the _____, in it there shall be none. 27 And it came to pass, that there _____ out some of the people on the seventh day for to gather, and they found _____. 28 And the _____ said unto Moses, How long refuse ye to keep my _____ and my _____?

14.) Is the Seventh-day Sabbath –a memorial to Creation to be restored in the last days in harmony with the 1st angel’s message of Revelation 14? Isaiah 58:12

And they that shall be of thee shall _____ the old _____ places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many _____; and thou shalt be called, The _____ of the breach, The _____ of paths to dwell in. 13a If thou turn away thy foot from the _____, from doing thy pleasure on my _____ day; and call the Sabbath a delight, . . .

15.) The Word of God says Jesus is our example. Did He honor and keep the Sabbath? Luke

*4:16 And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his _____ was, he went into the synagogue on the _____ day, and stood up for to _____. **John 15:10** If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have _____ my Father's _____, and abide in his love.*

16.) Did Jesus Himself expect His followers to still keep the Sabbath less than 40 years after His ascension to heaven (during the destruction of Jerusalem in A.D. 70)? Matthew 24:20

But _____ ye that your flight be not in the winter, _____ on the _____ day:

17.) Sunday is a day brought forward by the enemy of righteousness through the instrumentality of paganism which insidiously crept into the early centuries of Church history. What did Jesus say about following the traditions and commandments of men?

***Mark 7:7** Howbeit in _____ do they _____ me, teaching for _____ the commandments of _____. **8** For laying _____ the commandment of _____, ye hold the*

_____ of men, as the washing of pots and cups: and many _____ such like things ye do. **9** And he said unto them, Full well ye _____ the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own _____. **NOTE: The principles here are very clear. Sunday has become not only a commandment of men but also a deeply entrenched tradition.**

18.) In A.D. 45 what did the Apostle Paul to the Gentiles refer to the seventh-day as? Acts 13:27 For they that dwell at Jerusalem, and their rulers, because they knew him not, nor yet the voices of the prophets which are _____ every _____, they have fulfilled them in condemning him.

19.) In A.D. 62 long after the resurrection and ascension of Christ, what did the inspired Christian historian Luke refers to this special day as? Acts 13:14 But when they departed from Perga, they came to Antioch in Pisidia, and went into the synagogue on the _____, and sat down. **44** And the next _____ came _____ the whole city together to hear the _____ of God.

20.) What did the Gentile converts refer to this day as? Acts 13:42 And when the Jews were gone out of the synagogue, the _____ besought that these words might be _____ to them the next _____.

21.) In A.D. 49 in the presence of the Apostles and thousands of converts in the great Christian council, what did James call this day? Acts 15:21 For Moses of old time hath in every city them that preach him, being read in the synagogues _____ Sabbath _____.

22.) What day was it customary for early Christians to hold prayer meetings? Acts 16:13 And on the _____ we went out of the city by a river side, where _____ was wont to be made; and we _____ down, and spake unto the women which resorted thither.

23.) What day did the Apostle Paul read and preach from the scriptures on? Acts 17:2 And Paul, as his _____ was, went in unto them, and _____ Sabbath days _____ with them out of the _____, **3** Opening and alleging, that Christ must _____ have suffered, and risen again from the dead; and that this _____, whom I preach unto you, is _____ [Messiah]. **NOTE: Most of the Jews had been deceived in thinking that Jesus was an imposter instead of the Messiah. This deception had to be undone by the work and preaching of the Apostles. They had to reason with them out of the scriptures. In this lesson study we use the simple reasoning of the scriptures again. So it is today, the devil has most of the Christian world deceived or ignorant about the true Sabbath. It is obvious from what we've seen thus far that the early Christian church kept and observed the true Seventh-day Sabbath. The change-over to Sunday didn't occur until after several centuries when the Church of Rome along with other paganized teachings made very gradual subtle changes. They even claim the change! This is FACTUAL HISTORY!!**

24.) Will the Sabbath be kept and observed in heaven and the earth made-new? Isaiah 66:22

For as the _____ heavens and the _____ earth, which I _____ make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain. **23** And it _____ come to _____, that from one new moon to another, and from one _____ to another, shall _____ flesh come to _____ before me, saith the LORD. **NOTE: Being that the Sabbath will be kept when the earth is made over new again, it doesn't make any sense to not be observing the true original Sabbath now in preparation for that time. There simply is no basis for observing the first day of the week [Sunday] in light of the authority of scripture.**

25.) The Apostle Paul had many accusations made against him but never in regards to the breaking of God's law or the Sabbath. How did he state this? Acts 25:8 While he answered for himself, Neither against the _____ of the Jews, neither _____ the temple, nor yet against Caesar, have I offended _____ thing at all. **NOTE: How would this be true if Paul had not kept or observed the true original Sabbath?**

26.) Where is God's Seal to be found? What elements are found in a seal? Exodus 20:8

_____ the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. **9** Six days shalt thou _____, and do all thy work: **10** But the _____ day is the _____ of the _____ thy _____: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: **11** For in six days the _____ _____ _____ and _____, the _____, and _____ that in _____ is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it.

NOTE: The key words here are "The LORD Thy God," "made" and "heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is." What is typically found in the seal of a lawgiver? It is 1) His name; 2) His official position, title or authority and this ruler's right to rule; 3) the territory of His rule, dominion, or jurisdiction. The Seal of the United States of America would be 1) the name of the US President; 2) title = President; 3) territory = United States of America. Do you see these same elements of The Seal in the Sabbath Commandment? They are all there! 1) The LORD Thy God; 2) "made" = Creator; 3) heaven, earth, sea. The fourth commandment is the only one of the ten that mentions who the lawgiver is, that He is Creator and the territory over which He reigns. There is a reason why the Sabbath is a sign for God's commandment keeping people. We show our loyalty to our Creator by observing and worshipping Him on the Sabbath. Never anywhere in the New Testament do we see Jesus or the Apostles doing away with the Sabbath. In fact, it is exalted and lifted up. [See Hebrews 4:3-10]

27.) As we have seen above the Sabbath is a sign of Creation and Redemption. What does God want to do for His obedient followers? Isaiah 8:16 Bind up the testimony, _____ the _____ among my disciples.

28.) What special sealing work is taking place just before the winds of strife are let loose upon this earth just before Jesus comes? Revelation 7:1 And after these things I saw four

angels standing on the four _____ of the earth, holding the four _____ of the earth, that the wind should not _____ on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree. **2** And I saw another angel ascending from the _____, having the _____ of the _____ God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, **3** Saying, _____ not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have _____ the servants of our God in their _____. **NOTE: Winds represent strife and turmoil that's about to break loose as the greatest tribulation this world has ever seen!! We've already identified what the seal of God is but more detail will be given in the Study of the "Mark of the Beast." We are undoubtedly in this time period now just before the mark of the beast becomes enacted. God will have a people who will follow and obey Him to the fullest degree. Now is the time to show your loyalty to Him by STEPPING OUT and keeping His Sabbath Holy!**

Brief Quiz

CIRCLE ONE

- 1.) True/False – God has a special memorial that continually reminds us that He is our Creator
- 2.) True/False – The book of Revelation gives no hint of the need to remember to worship the Creator
- 3.) True/False – The Sabbath day in these modern times is now Sunday because that is the day Christ arose from the dead.
- 4.) True/False – Jesus observed, honored and kept the true Sabbath day.
- 5.) True/False – The Sabbath is a memorial only of Creation.
- 6.) True/False – The Seventh-day Sabbath is the only one of the ten commandments that contains the Seal of God.
- 7.) True/False – The Sabbath was made only for the Jews.
- 8.) True/False – The Seventh-day Sabbath is the same day today (Saturday) as when Jesus walked this earth almost 2,000 years ago.

My Response

The truth about the Seventh-day Sabbath is very clear from the Holy Writings of God's Word. I see plainly that it is a special memorial not only of the miraculous works of Creation but also of our marvelous Redemption. I would like to acknowledge these facts by stepping forward and keeping God's Sabbath day holy.

Signed _____

Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 5:19

