

UNLOCKING PROPHECY #7

Revelation's Sign of Allegiance

Revelation's Call to Worship the Creator God

- † *"You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created"* (Revelation 4:11).
- † Revelation 10:6 says the God *"who lives forever and ever...created heaven and the things that are in it, the earth and the things that are in it, and the sea and the things that are in it."*
- † Revelation 14:7, *"Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water."*

Worshipping the Creator on His Holy Sabbath Day

- † *The Sabbath was given to mankind at the beginning, in Genesis 2, long before the Jewish nation existed.*
- † Genesis 2:1-3, *"Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished. And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made."*
 - † *The seventh day Sabbath, given at creation was to be God's perpetual reminder of our roots.*
 - † God did three specific things on the seventh day. (1) God blessed it; (2) God sanctified it; (3) God rested on it.
 - † And what God blesses, according to 1 Chronicles 17:27, He blesses forever.
- † God blessed the seventh day by making it an eternal sign of His powerful creation and infinite love.
- † The Sabbath was created by God 2300 years before the existence of the Jewish race.

Sabbath in the Old Testament

- † Before He gave the Israelites the Ten Commandment law on Mount Sinai, they were keeping the Sabbath of creation.
 - Exodus 16:26, *"Six days you shall gather it, but on the seventh day, which is the Sabbath, there will be none."* When some Israelites went out to gather manna on the Sabbath, God said, *"How long do you refuse to keep My commandments and My laws?"* (Exodus 16:28).
- † On Mt. Sinai God wrote with His own finger, on tables of stone, the Sabbath commandment. God wrote the law to endure forever.
- † The 4th Commandment: *"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it"* (Exodus 20:8-11).
- † The origin of the Sabbath is the Creator Himself. It is His sign. It is His memorial. It is His emblem. It is His command.
- † The Sabbath was never an exclusively Jewish institution. It was given for all humanity.
- † Isaiah 56:6, 7, *"Everyone who keeps from defiling the Sabbath. . . I will bring to My holy mountain, and make them joyful in My house of prayer. . . for My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations."*
- † Sabbath in Heaven: Isaiah 66:22, 23, *"For as the new heavens and the new earth which I will make shall remain before Me," says the LORD, "So shall your descendants and your name remain and it shall come to pass that from one New Moon to another, and from one Sabbath to another, all flesh shall come to worship before Me," says the Lord."*
- † Ezekiel 20:12, *"Moreover I also gave them My Sabbaths, to be a sign between them and Me, that they might know that I am the LORD who sanctifies them."*

Sabbath in the New Testament

- † Luke 4:16, *"So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read."*

- † Mark 2:27, *“The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath.”*
- † Keeping Sabbath holy is a sign that we worship Him exclusively. It is a sign that we love Him supremely.
- † Matthew 12:12, *“It is lawful to do good on the Sabbath.”*
- † Jesus said, *“If you love Me, keep My commandments”* (John 14:15).
- † Jesus told the disciples in Matthew 24:20, *“And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath.” That was in reference to the destruction of Jerusalem which didn’t happen until 70 AD, so clearly the Sabbath was to continue after Christ’s earthly ministry.*
- † Acts 17:1, 2, *“They came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. Then Paul, as his custom was, went in to them, and for three Sabbaths reasoned with them from the Scriptures.”*
- † Acts 13:42 says, *“The Gentiles begged that these words might be preached to them the next Sabbath.” Acts 13:44, “On the next Sabbath almost the whole city came together to hear the word of God.”*
- † Acts 16:13, *“And on the Sabbath day we went out of the city to the riverside, where prayer was customarily made; and we sat down and spoke to the women who met there.”*

How can we know which day is the true Sabbath?

† There are at least 3 ways you can know:

1. You can know from the Bible.
 - Luke 23:54-24:1 gives us a 3 days sequence: preparation day (the day Jesus died, commonly called “Good Friday”), the Sabbath (Saturday) of the commandment (Jesus rested in the tomb), the first day of the week—Sunday (resurrection of Jesus).
2. You can know from language.
 - In over 140 languages of the world, the word for the seventh day of the week is “Sabbath.” Spanish = “Sabado.” In Russian, Ukrainian and Bulgarian, it is “sabbota.”
3. You can know from astronomy.
 - According to such trustworthy sources as the Royal Greenwich Observatory in Greenwich, England, and the United States Naval Observatory, the weekly cycle has never changed. The seven day weekly cycle is not based upon any natural/physical phenomena in the heavens (like years & months)—it is based only on the creation week found in Genesis.

Should we keep Sunday, the first day of the week, in honor of Christ’s resurrection?

- † There are eight texts in the New Testament that mention the first day of the week and not one of them tells us to worship on Sunday in honor of the resurrection.
- † Christ has given us a totally different symbol of the resurrection.
 - Romans 6:3, 4, *“Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.”*

What day is the Lord’s Day?

- † Revelation 1:10, *“I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s Day.”*
- † Jesus defines the Lord’s Day. Matthew 12:8, *“For the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.”* Mark 2:28, *“Therefore the Son of Man is also Lord of the Sabbath.”* Luke 6:5, *“The Son of Man is also Lord of the Sabbath.”*
- † The Sabbath of the Creator God in Genesis is the Lord’s Day of Revelation.

Sabbath-Keepers

- † Adam & Eve, Moses & Israel, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Jesus, Peter, James, John, Paul, Gentiles, & God’s people found in Revelation 14:12: *“Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.”* God’s commandment-keeping people today will keep the Sabbath commandment found in Exodus 20:8-11.
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