CHAPTER TWO

The Mark Of Yahweh & The Mark Of The Beast

The Mark of Yahweh is the keeping of the weekly Seventh Day Sabbath and the appointed Feast Days. **Exodus 13:9** shows this Mark of Yahweh will be in the hand and in the forehead.

- **Exodus 13:9—**

  And it shall be as a Sign to you upon your hand and as a Memorial between your eyes, that Yahweh's Law shall be in your mouth; for with a strong hand Yahweh has brought you out of Egypt.

Yahweh shows through the Prophet Yechetzqyah that His Sabbaths are a Sign of Yahweh.

- **Yechetzqyah 20:12—**

  Moreover, I also gave them My Sabbaths, to be a Sign between Me and them, that they might know that I *am* Yahweh Who sanctifies them.

The Hebrew word for **sign** is word #226 in the Hebrew Dictionary from the *Strong's Exhaustive Concordance*, and means *mark*.

> 226. אוֹת **'ôwth**, *ōth;* prob. from 225 (in the sense of *appearing*); a *signal* (lit. or fig.), as a *flag, beacon, monument, omen, prodigy, evidence,* etc.:—mark, miracle, (en-) sign, token.

Not only are the weekly Sabbaths a Sign, but the appointed Feast Days are also a Sign of Yahweh. **Hebrews 4:4-10** says if we accept this Sign of Yahweh, we will cease from our own work on the Sabbath day, just as Yahweh did from His. By obeying Yahweh, we have His Name in our minds or foreheads.

- **Revelation 22:4—**

  And they will see His face, and His Name *will be* in their foreheads.

- **Exodus 31:13-17—**

  13 Speak also to the children of Israyl, saying; Surely My Sabbaths you shall keep, for *they* are a Sign between Me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I *am* Yahweh Who sanctifies you, *and makes you holy*.

  14 You shall keep the Sabbath, therefore, for *it is* holy to you. Everyone who profanes it shall surely be put to death; for whoever does any work for pay, *not of Yahweh* and all business *not of Yahweh* on the Sabbath Day, that person shall be cut off from among his people.

  15 For six days work shall be done, but the Seventh Day is the Sabbath; all work for pay, *all work not of Yahweh*, and all business *not of Yahweh* are to cease. On the Sabbath Day, you are to sanctify the Name of Yahweh, showing your loyalty to Him by doing Righteous Works. Whoever does any work for pay, all work not of Yahweh, and all business *not of Yahweh* on the Sabbath Day, he shall surely be put to death.

  16 Therefore the Children of Israyl shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations as a perpetual Covenant.

  17 It *is* a Sign between Me and the Children of Israyl forever, for *in* six days Yahweh made the heavens and the earth, and on the Seventh Day He ceased from this work and was refreshed.

Which Day Is The Sabbath Of Yahweh?

Only a few people ever read the Holy Scriptures to see what Yahweh's Will really is. Those few who do read their Scriptures, however, see that the teachings of the Holy Scriptures are far different than what is being taught in the churches.

Some people stop attending church because they have found through their reading of the Holy Scriptures that the Scriptures teach one thing, and their churches teach another.

The Sabbath is first mentioned in the Book of **Genesis**.

- **Genesis 2:2-3**–

  2 And on the Seventh Day Yahweh ended His Work which He had done; and He rested on the Seventh Day from all His Work which He had done.

  3 Then Yahweh blessed the Seventh Day and set it apart to be Holy: because in it He rested from all the work which Yahweh created and made.

The Holy Scriptures say the Seventh Day is the day Yahweh rested on. He therefore blessed this day.

We see from *Webster's Student Dictionary*, page 727, the definition of **Saturday** is *the seventh and last day of the week*. The definition of the word **Sunday** in *Webster's Student Dictionary*, page 823 is *the first day of the week*.

● **Exodus 31:15—**

For six days work shall be done, but the Seventh Day is the Sabbath; all work for pay, *all work not of Yahweh*, and all business *not of Yahweh* are to cease. On the Sabbath Day, you are to sanctify the Name of Yahweh, showing your loyalty to Him by doing Righteous Works. Whoever does any work for pay, all work not of Yahweh, and all business *not of Yahweh* on the Sabbath Day, he shall surely be put to death.

In contrast, Yahweh promises special blessings on those who hallow and keep the Sabbath Day.

● **Isayah 58:13-14—**

13 If you turn away your foot from *breaking* the Sabbath: *from* doing your pleasure; *your own business, your own pleasure,* on My Holy Day, and call the Sabbath a delight; the Holy *Day* of Yahweh honorable, and will honor Him *by* not doing your own ways, nor finding your own pleasure, nor engaging in idle conversation:

14 Then you will find your joy in Yahweh; and I will cause you to ride on the high places of the earth, and feed you with the heritage of Yaaqob your father—for the mouth of Yahweh has spoken *it*.

How Does Yahweh Keep The Sabbath?

You don't keep the Sabbath, unless you keep the Sabbath like Yahweh kept the Sabbath. You rest as Yahweh rested. He has always specified that. You don't do your own work, but you do the Work of Yahweh, and that's the way He kept the Sabbath. He stopped His Work, the creation, and then He blessed the Sabbath. How did He bless it? Be you warm and fed and nothing else? He tells you no. He rested. The way He rested was He worked for His People, His People whom He would call. He blessed the Sabbath to them.

Yahshua Was A Great Teacher Of The Sabbath

By the time our Savior was born, the Pharisees were only following the Talmud believing and practicing that a person was to only sit around on the Sabbath. The Saducees and the Pharisees were not being trained at Abel. They were being trained by those in charge of the Temple in Yerusalem. The Pharisees were continually questioning the way that Yahshua and His Disciples conducted themselves because it went against what was being taught in the Talmud and in the Temple.

● **Mattithyah 12:1-2—**

1 At that time Yahshua went through the grainfields on the Sabbath, and His disciples were hungry, and began to pull ears of grain and eat them.

2 But when the Pharisees saw this, they said to Him; Behold, Your Disciples are doing what is not Lawful to do on the Sabbath Day.

Yahshua replied by instructing them.

● **Yahchanan Mark 3:25-28—**

25 He said to them: Have you never read what David did when he was hungry and had nothing to eat, he and those with him;

26 How he went into The House of Yahweh in the days of Abiathar the High Priest, and ate the showbread—which is not allowed, except for Priests—and even gave it to his men?

27 Then He said to them: The Sabbath was made for the sake of man, and not man for the Sabbath;

28 Therefore, the Son of Man is also a Teacher of the Sabbath.

The Pharisees were not pleased at all by Yahshua's response. There was nothing they could say in rebuttal. Seeking a way to destroy Him, the Pharisees then tried to set Him up by questioning him about healing on the Sabbath. Again, Yahshua responded by teaching them how they did not even follow what they were teaching others.

● **Mattithyah 12:10-13—**

10 And, behold, there was a man who had a withered hand. Then they asked Him, saying; Is it Lawful to heal on the Sabbath Days?—so that they might have a reason to accuse Him.

11 But He asked them: What man is there among you having one sheep, and if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath Day, would not lay hands on it and pull it out?

12 And how much more valuable is a man than a sheep? Therefore, it is Lawful to do Righteousness on the Sabbath.

13 Then He said to the man; Stretch out your hand. And he stretched it out; and it was restored, as sound as his other one.

● **Yahchanan 7:22—**

22 Now Mosheh gave circumcision for you (not that it was from Mosheh, but from the Patriarchs), so you circumcise a man on the Sabbath; if the eighth day falls on the Sabbath.

23 Since a man on the Sabbath Day receives circumcision so that the Law given through Mosheh should not be broken, are you angry with Me because I have made a man completely well on the Sabbath Day?

24 Do not judge according to appearances, but judge Righteous Judgment!

Keeping The Sabbath

You have to remember what all the Sabbath means. You look to the Sabbath as a friend, a very dear friend, as though Yahweh was making His appearance in your front yard or at the door of your tent. You look forward to the Sabbath as something that you delight in. You have to include others in that delight. You can do that by giving your wife some flowers or making it possible for her and your children to have a more joyous Sabbath. You have to think of someone besides yourself.

Make the Sabbath a delight, but not so much for yourself. You make the Sabbath a delight for yourself when you serve other people and help make the Sabbath a delight for them. Then the Sabbath

becomes a real joy because it's kept as Yahweh intended. Yahweh intended for the Sabbath to be kept Holy (**Isayah 58:13**). So from Friday at sunset to Saturday at sunset:

1. You do **not do your own business.** You should not do any of your own work pertaining to the building of your own house, business, or occupation. You should not engage in buying or selling or any other commerce.

2. You **call the Sabbath a delight.** To do this, you must prepare for the Sabbath before it arrives. The Sabbath begins on Friday at sunset, and it ends Saturday at sunset. During this time period you should stop all personal, daily routines. You go to Services if you live close enough to Yahweh's Sanctuary. If you live too far away, you should have a time set apart for prayer, and study of the Holy Scriptures. If you are not on the Taped Sermon List, write and request these be sent to you. You should eat the best foods, even drink a little wine. You should cease from your daily routine of doing your own personal work and serve Father Yahweh and your fellow man. When you call the Sabbath a delight by serving others, you have made it a delight.

3. You should call the Sabbath the Holy Day of Yahweh. You should rest and refresh yourself from the physical aspects of your own labors. This does not mean you cannot light the oven to warm up some food but you should not set out to cook a meal. You should study Yahweh's Word. You should excuse yourself from business telephone calls. You should not engage in forms of entertainment such as worldly television, books and magazines, video games, movies or anything else that take your mind away from Yahweh.

4. To make the Sabbath honorable, and to honor Yahweh, you should find pleasure and learn to do Yahweh's Work. This means learning to truly serve Yahweh by serving others. The Sabbath becomes a delight to us when we give up of our own selves and seek to help meet the needs of others. You do this by serving The House of Yahweh in whatever capacity you can. Attending classes, training to become a teacher, and helping in the distribution of meals are all ways to serve Yahweh by serving the Body.

5. The Sabbath is a time when Yahweh's People gather together in a Holy Convocation, a sacred, solemn assembly before Him. The Sabbath is a time of great blessing for Yahweh's People. Yahweh's Anointed Teachers prepare and then instruct His People in the ways of Righteousness, ways that will bring them complete peace and joy and without all pain and sorrow. That takes a lot of work. Hours are spent writing. It is a time of great joy as the Words of Life are spoken which will help to bring people to perfection. The Sabbath is very beneficial because it is made a blessing through much work, Yahweh's Work in true service to each other. That's keeping the Sabbath as Yahweh kept the Sabbath.

The Sabbath will be celebrated forever. There will be a Holy Convocation among us and among everyone in the universe. The universe will be shut down every Seventh Day of the week in order to celebrate this Holy Convocation, a time of joy and gladness, a time that you know you're all going to look forward to. It's going to be so much better than it is now.

We Should Learn About The Seventh Day Sabbath

All religions of the world refuse to obey this simple Commandment in spite of the Scriptures you just read concerning the Commandments or Laws of Yahweh. You should be wondering why this Law is hated.

The Catholic Church admits it changed the Holy Seventh Day Sabbath and Holy Feast Days to the celebration of Sunday, the first day of the week, and the celebration of pagan holidays such as Christmas, Easter, and Halloween. Sunday worship and the celebration of pagan holidays are condemned in your Holy Scriptures. In spite of the curses pronounced in the Holy Scriptures, Christianity continues to follow the Catholic Church in her rebellion against Yahweh's Laws.

● **Revelation 22:18-19—**

> 18 For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the Prophecy of this Book: <u>If any man will add to these things</u>, it will come to pass that <u>he will add to himself the plagues that are written in this Book</u>:
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> 19 And if any man will take away from the words of the Book of this Prophecy, it will come to pass that he will take away his part out of The Book of Life, and out of *Yahweh Shammah*, and *from* the things which are written in this Book.

The Catholic Church also admits that there is no Scriptural authority for changing the Holy Seventh Day Sabbath or Feast Days. It is absolutely correct, there is no writing in all the Inspired Scriptures that allows for any kind of change.

The Fourth Commandment

● **Exodus 20:8-11—**

8 Remember the Sabbath Day, to keep it Holy.
9 Six days you shall labor and do all your work,
10 But the Seventh Day is the Sabbath of Yahweh your Heavenly Father. *In it* you shall not do your work: you, *nor your wife,* nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your manservant, nor your maidservant, nor your cattle, nor the stranger who *dwells* within your gates.
11 For *in* six days Yahweh made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them; and rested the seventh day. Therefore, Yahweh blessed the Sabbath Day, and hallowed it; *Yahweh made the Sabbath Day Holy.*

The subject of the Sabbath is too much to cover in this chapter, but please let me present to you the following Scriptural facts.

● Sin is the breaking of Yahweh's Laws.

● **I Yahchanan 3:4—**

Whoever commits sin, transgresses also the Law; for sin is the transgression of the Law.

● **I Yahchanan 2:4—**

He who says: I know Him, but does not keep His Law, is a liar, and the Truth is not in him.

Unless you repent of sin and convert to keeping Yahweh's Laws of Righteousness there is no hope of eternal life for you or your religious leader.

● **Galatians 6:6-8—**

6 Let him who is trained in the Law *of Yahweh* share all Righteous things with him who is learning, *thereby contributing to his spiritual support.*
7 Do not be deceived, Yahweh is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that will he also reap.
8 For he who sows to his flesh, from the flesh will reap corruption; but he who sows to Yahweh, from Yahweh will reap everlasting life.

The prophesied destruction to come will be upon the preachers as well as those who follow them.

● **Isayah 24:1-6—**

1 Before Yahweh's very eyes, the earth is made empty and it is made waste, the face of it is perverted and its inhabitants scattered abroad;
2 And it will be: as with the people, so with the priests; as with the servant, so with his owner; as with the maid, so with her mistress; as with the buyer, so with the seller; as with the lender, so with the borrower; as with him who takes usury, so with him who gives usury to him:
3 The land will be utterly emptied and utterly plundered, for it has come to pass that this Judgment has been pronounced.
4 The earth mourns and fades away, the world mourns and fades away, and the haughty people of the earth languish.
5 The earth also is defiled because of the inhabitants of it, because they have transgressed the Laws, changed the Ordinance, and broken the Everlasting Covenant.
6 Because of this, the curse has devoured the earth, and they who dwell therein are desolate; therefore, the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men left.

● **Isayah 66:17—**

They who sanctify themselves, and purify themselves in the gardens, following after the priests in the midst of those who eat swine's flesh, that which is offered to gods (elohim) and the rodent—will be consumed together: says Yahweh.

● **Mattithyah 7:15—**

Beware of false prophets who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

Please notice what the Savior says to you. He is saying do not believe religions that do not keep the Laws of Yahweh. Notice what else He says.

● **Mattithyah 7:16-17, 23—**

16 You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thorns, or figs from thistles?
17 Likewise, every Righteous tree brings forth Righteous fruit; but a tree of evil brings forth fruit of iniquity.
23 But then I will declare to them; I never knew you. Get away from Me, you who practice iniquity; *you who break the Law of Yahweh!*

According to the Greek dictionary in *Strong's Exhaustive Concordance,* the word **iniquity** is word #458 from word #459, and means *transgression of the law, not subject to the law*.

458. **ἀνομία anŏmia**, *an-om-ee'-ah;* from *459; illegality*, i.e. *violation of law* or (gen.) *wickedness:*—iniquity, × transgress (-ion of) the law, unrighteousness.

459. **ἄνομος anŏmŏs**, *an'-om-os;* from *1* (as a neg. particle) and *3551; lawless*, i.e. (neg.) *not subject to* (the Jewish) *law;* (by impl. a *Gentile*), or (pos.) *wicked:*—without law, lawless, transgressor, unlawful, wicked.

Who is Yahshua speaking of that teaches people to practice iniquity, breaking Yahweh's Laws? He shows plainly it is the religions, preachers and priests. Notice, what will occur to those who refuse to keep Yahweh's Laws.

● **Mattithyah 7:18-19—**

18 A Righteous tree cannot bring forth fruit of iniquity, nor *can* a tree of evil bring forth fruits of Righteousness.
19 Every tree which does not bring forth Righteous fruit is cut down, and cast into the fire.

Notice how the religious leaders who practice iniquity (sin) plead in the end.

● **Mattithyah 7:21-23—**

21 Not everyone who says to Me; Teacher! Teacher! will enter into the Kingdom of Yahweh, but *only* he who does the Will of My Father Who is in heaven.
22 Many will say to Me in that day; Teacher! Teacher! Have we not prophesied in Your Name, and cast out demons in Your Name, and in Your Name performed many wonderful works?
23 But then I will declare to them; I never knew you. Get away from Me, you who practice iniquity; *you who break the Law of Yahweh!*

Will the Savior change His mind and allow them (or you) to have eternal life? The Savior said you can't have eternal life unless you live by every Law of Yahweh.

● **Mattithyah 4:4—**

But He answered, and said; It is written: Man does

not live by bread alone, but by every Word that proceeds out of the mouth of Yahweh.

Compare the Apostle Yaaqob's Inspired Writings to the Words of the Savior.

● **Yaaqob 2:10-12—**

10 For whoever keeps the whole Law, and yet offends in one *point*, he is guilty of all.

11 For He Who said: Do not commit adultery, also said: Do not murder. Now if you do not commit adultery, yet you do murder, you have become a transgressor of the Law.

12 So speak, and so do, as those who are being judged by the Law of Liberty.

Now read the following:

● **Isayah 8:20—**

To the Law and to the Prophecy: if they speak not according to these Words, *it is* because there is no light in them.

● **Galatians 6:6-8—**

6 Let him who is trained in the Law *of Yahweh* share all Righteous things with him who is learning, *thereby contributing to his spiritual support*.

7 Do not be deceived, Yahweh is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that will he also reap.

8 For he who sows to his flesh, from the flesh will reap corruption; but he who sows to Yahweh, from Yahweh will reap everlasting life.

False preachers teach that the so-called New Testament does away with the Laws of Yahweh. This is a lie! There is no Scripture that backs them in such lies. Because of their teachings, **Isayah 24:1-6** will be fulfilled before your eyes in this time period.

Notice what the Apostle Shaul said.

● **Galatians 5:18—**

For if you are led by Spirit, are you not under the Law?

The unrighteous preachers who are leading the world into sickness and disease—there are over 125 STDs in the world at this time—don't look at the results of their own teachings. In the minds of the lying preachers this verse means they do not need to abstain from fornication, adultery, uncleanness, and licentiousness. All one needs to do is read the rest of the chapter to see that the Apostle is not teaching to do away with Yahweh's Law.

● **Galatians 5:19-21—**

19 For the works of the flesh are obvious, which are these: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, licentiousness,

20 Godworship (the worship of elohim), sorcery, hatred, contentions, evil jealousies, rage, selfish ambitions, dissensions; *disagreements with quarreling,* heresies; *sects or factions of division,*

21 Envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I warn you beforehand, just as I did in times past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the Kingdom of Yahweh.

● **I Yahchanan 3:7-8—**

7 Little children, let no man deceive you; he who practices Righteousness is Righteous, just as He is Righteous.

8 He who commits sin is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of Yahweh was manifested; that He might destroy the works of the devil.

So what was the Apostle saying? He was simply saying this: If you convert to keeping Yahweh's Laws and repent of your past sins, you're no longer under the Law of the death penalty for sin. Of course, your sins are forgiven. Continue reading in **Galatians Chapter 5**.

● **Galatians 5:22-23—**

22 But the Fruits of the Spirit are love joy, peace, longsuffering; *patience,* kindness, Righteousness, the Faith;

23 Meekness; *gentleness, humility,* temperance; *self-control*–such things are not against any Law.

He is saying what every Apostle and Prophet taught. If you walk in the Spirit of the Law, you will live by the Law, which is not against any Law. If you do not live by the Laws of Yahweh, you will fulfill your evil lust as the whole world is doing, which is called sin and the penalty is death.

● **Yechetzqyah 18:20-24—**

20 The soul that sins, it will die. The son will not bear the iniquity of the father, nor will the father bear the iniquity of the son. The Righteousness of the Righteous will be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked will be upon himself.

21 But if the wicked will turn from all his sins that he has committed, and keep all My Statutes, and do that which is Lawful and right, *then* he will surely live; he will not die.

22 And his transgressions that he has committed will not be mentioned against him; in his Righteousness that he has done, he will live.

23 Do I have any pleasure at all that the wicked should die? says Father Yahweh: No, *but rather* that he would turn back from his *wicked* ways, and live.

24 But when the Righteous turns away from his Righteousness and commits iniquity, and does according to all the abominations that the wicked *man* does—should he live? All his Righteousness that he has done will not be mentioned *in his behalf.* In his trespass that he has trespassed, and in his sin that he has sinned, in them he will die.

● **Hebrews 10:16, 24-27—**

16 This is the Covenant that I will renew with them after those days, says Yahweh: I will put My Laws into their hearts, and in their minds I will write them;

24 And let us consider one another, how we may urge *one another* on *toward* love and Righteous Works;

25 Not forsaking the gathering of ourselves together, as the manner of some *is,* but exhorting *one another;* and so much the more as you see the day approaching.

26 For if we sin willfully after we have received the Knowledge of the Truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,

27 But a certain fearful expectation of Judgment, yes, a Zealous Judgment. For it will come to pass that the adversaries will be devoured.

Read the following verses again.

● **Isayah 24:1-6—**

1 Before Yahweh's very eyes, the earth is made empty

and it is made waste, the face of it is perverted and its inhabitants scattered abroad;

2 And it will be: as with the people, so with the priests; as with the servant, so with his owner; as with the maid, so with her mistress; as with the buyer, so with the seller; as with the lender, so with the borrower; as with him who takes usury, so with him who gives usury to him:

3 The land will be utterly emptied and utterly plundered, for it has come to pass that this Judgment has been pronounced.

4 The earth mourns and fades away, the world mourns and fades away, and the haughty people of the earth languish.

5 The earth also is defiled because of the inhabitants of it, because they have transgressed the Laws, changed the Ordinance, and broken the Everlasting Covenant.

6 Because of this, the curse has devoured the earth, and they who dwell therein are desolate; therefore, the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men left.

● **Revelation 18:1-5, 8—**

1 And after these things I saw a Malak come down from heaven, having great authority; and the earth was enlightened with His Glory.

2 And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying: Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of demons, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.

3 For all nations have drunk of the cup of her destruction *because* of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth have grown rich through the abundance of her delicacies.

4 And I heard another voice from heaven, saying: Come out of her, My People, so that you do not partake in her sins, and so that you do not receive of her plagues,

5 For her sins have reached unto heaven, and Yahweh has remembered her transgressions against His Laws!

8 Therefore, at that time her plagues will come—death, and mourning, and famine; and she will be utterly burned with fire; for just *is* the Judgment that has come to pass against her.

Back To The Holy Sabbaths

The Savior said He was hated without a cause. Mankind hates the Laws and the Sabbath without a cause. There is no cause for hating the Holy Sabbaths. They bring the most wonderful blessings you could ever hope to experience when kept as Yahweh kept them.

Yet the religions of this world hate the Sabbaths and the Laws of Yahweh and have gotten the people to believe they are something evil. This hatred for Yahweh's Sabbaths started about 1,900 years ago, after Yahweh allowed The House of Yahweh, overseen by the Apostles, to be destroyed.

After the Apostles finished their Work in Abilene, Israyl, the Roman Empire arrested and killed eleven of the twelve Disciples of Yahshua. You can read about this in *Foxe's Book of Martyrs*.

The House of Yahweh and those who taught the Laws of Yahweh were killed or imprisoned and the Work of Yahweh stopped. But Yahweh revealed His next Work through the Inspired Prophets.

● **Isayah 2:1-4—**

1 The word that Isayah son of Amoz saw concerning Yahdah and Yerusalem.

2 It will come to pass in the Last Days, *that* the mountain; *promotion,* of The House of Yahweh will be established in the chief of the nations, and will be raised above all congregations; and all nations will *eventually* flow to it.

3 And many people will go and say; Come, and let us go up to Abel; to the mountain *to promote/praise* Yahweh, to the House of the Father of Yaaqob, and He will teach us of His Ways, and we will walk in His Paths. For the Law and the Word of Yahweh will be restored to Abel by those who keep all His Laws and *who are taught* by the Priest who teaches peace.

4 He will judge among the nations, and will rebuke many people; they will beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation will not lift up sword against nation, neither will they learn war anymore.

For full details concerning Yahweh's Last Days' prophesied Work get our book, *The Lost Faith of the Apostles and Prophets*. Call 325-893-5899, 325-672-5420 or 325-676-9494, or write to The House of Yahweh, P.O. Box 2498, Abilene, Texas 79604 or email us at hoy@bitstreet.com, info@yahweh.com. or info@yisraylhawkins.com.

The Last Days are here, and Yahweh's Work is once again teaching the Laws of Yahweh. The Prophecies concerning Yahweh's Plan are going to all nations. People are beginning to see that breaking the Laws of Yahweh brings sickness, disease, and wars, just as Prophecy shows they would bring upon themselves in this time period. People are hearing the Message preached and they are turning to Yahweh by learning Righteousness and repenting of their past sins, even as was done in the days of the Apostles.

● **Ephesians 2:1-2—**

1 And to you, who were dead in *your* trespasses and sins;

2 In which you walked in times past according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air: the God (el) that is now at work in the children of disobedience.

Notice, they turned from their sins of the past and converted to keeping Yahweh's Laws.

● **Ephesians 1:9-11—**

9 Having revealed to us the Great Secret of His Plan, according to His Righteous Pleasure which He has purposed to Himself,

10 For the administration of His House at the completed time, to gather together in one to Himself, under One Head, the Messiah, both the things which are yet in the heavens, and the things also for the earth, in Him:

11 In Whom also we are allotted an inheritance, being preordained as He set forth, as all things work according to the purpose of His Plan;

● **Ephesians 2:19-22—**

19 Therefore, now you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the Saints and Members of The House of Yahweh;

20 And are built on the Foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Yahshua Messiah Himself being the Chief Corner *stone;*
21 In Whom the whole House, being fitly joined together *by Yahweh's unity,* grows into The Holy House of Yahweh.
22 And in Him, you are also being built together to become The House of Yahweh through the Spirit.

We see in the Savior's writings and in **Isayah 2:1-4** that the reason people are turning to Righteousness is simply because Righteousness is once again being taught by the Last Days' House of Yahweh.

● **Mattithyah 24:14—**

And this Message of the Kingdom will be preached to all the world by the one who bears witness to all nations; and then The End will come.

● **Isayah 2:1-4—**

1 The word that Isayah son of Amoz saw concerning Yahdah and Yerusalem.
2 It will come to pass in the Last Days, *that* the mountain; *promotion,* of The House of Yahweh will be established in the chief of the nations, and will be raised above all congregations; and all nations will *eventually* flow to it.
3 And many people will go and say; Come, and let us go up to Abel; to the mountain *to promote/praise* Yahweh, to the House of the Father of Yaaqob, and He will teach us of His Ways, and we will walk in His Paths. For the Law and the Word of Yahweh will be restored to Abel by those who keep all His Laws and *who are taught* by the Priest who teaches peace.
4 He will judge among the nations, and will rebuke many people; they will beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation will not lift up sword against nation, neither will they learn war anymore.

We see in the Book of **Revelation** the result of this Message of the Kingdom going out to all the world in this time of The End—the time of the Greatest Tribulation ever in the history of mankind.

● **Mattithyah 24:7, 21-22, 29—**

7 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines, and pestilences; *disease epidemics,* and earthquakes in place after place:
21 For then will be Great Tribulation, such as has not come to pass since the beginning of the world to this time—no, nor ever will be.
22 And unless those days were shortened, there would no flesh be saved; but for the Elect's sake, those days will be shortened.
29 Immediately, *but* after the *Great* Tribulation of those days will the sun be darkened, and the moon will not give her light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

In **Revelation**, we see this end time period and that the wars are held back for the purpose of making and finishing the Kingdom of Saints.

● **Revelation 7:1-3—**

1 And after these things I saw four messengers standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, so that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree.
2 And I saw another Malak ascending from the east, having the Seal of the Living Father; and he cried with a loud voice to the four messengers, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea,
3 Saying: Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, until we have sealed the Servants of our Father in their foreheads.

In **verse 3**, it says to **seal** the Servants of Yahweh. How is this done and with what is a person sealed? The Prophet Isayah gives us the answer.

● **Isayah 8:16—**

Bind up the Prophecy; seal the Law among My Disciples.

With that in mind, read the Holy Sabbath Commandment.

● **Exodus 20:8-11—**

8 Remember the Sabbath Day, to keep it Holy.
9 Six days you shall labor and do all your work,
10 But the Seventh Day is the Sabbath of Yahweh your Heavenly Father. *In it* you shall not do your work: you, *nor your wife,* nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your manservant, nor your maidservant, nor your cattle, nor the stranger who *dwells* within your gates.
11 For *in* six days Yahweh made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them; and rested the Seventh Day. Therefore, Yahweh blessed the Sabbath Day, and hallowed it; *Yahweh made the Sabbath Day Holy.*

It all starts with the keeping of the Holy Sabbath.

● **Exodus 13:9—**

And it shall be as a Sign to you upon your hand and as a Memorial between your eyes, that Yahweh's Law shall be in your mouth; for with a strong hand Yahweh has brought you out of Egypt.

As we learned, the word **sign** is shown in the Hebrew Dictionary of *Strong's Concordance* to mean *mark, token, sign, consent, flag, evidence of consent.*

The keeping of Yahweh's Sabbaths is a sign or evidence of consent to obedience to the Laws of Righteousness.

● **I Yahchanan 3:7-8, 10—**

7 Little children, let no man deceive you; he who practices Righteousness is Righteous, just as He is Righteous.
8 He who commits sin is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of Yahweh was manifested; that He might destroy the works of the devil.
10 In this the Children of Yahweh and the children of the devil are manifest. Whoever does not practice Righteousness is not of Yahweh, and he does not love his neighbor!

The Mark Of The Beast

The Disciple Yahchanan, by the Inspiration of Yahweh, shows what he described as a likeness of the beast. The word **idol** mean *likeness*. This beast would try to force once again all people of the earth

to accept the mark of the beast in their hands or their foreheads.

● **Revelation 13:16—**

And he causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, that they should give to themselves a mark upon their right hands, or in their foreheads.

As the Mark of Yahweh lets all the world know you worship Yahweh; so the mark of the beast shows that you worship the likeness (idol) of the beast.

Yahweh's Mark causes us to observe the weekly Seventh Day Sabbath and Yahweh's Appointed Feast Days. This marks us as belonging to Yahweh.

To look for the mark of the beast, we must look for a mark that would cause us to disobey the Laws of Yahweh. A substitute that would cause us to break the Sabbath Day and Feast Days, which Yahweh proclaimed as Holy. This substitute identifies us with the beast and marks us as ones who obey the beastly system. The beast's sign comes through deception and lying.

● **II Thessalonians 2:9—**

Whose coming is according to the energy of Satan, *who works* with all power, and signs, and lying wonders.

These lying wonders or signs will continue until the Millenial reign of Yahweh's Kingdom, as shown in:

● **II Thessalonians 2:8—**

And then that lawless one will be revealed, whom Yahshua will remove with the breath of His mouth, and make powerless with the appearance of His coming—

The Prophet Daniyl shows this same thing when speaking of the first beast.

● **Daniyl 7:25-27—**

25 And he will speak *great* words against Yahweh, and will wear out; *mentally attack to cause to fall away,* the Saints of Yahweh, and think to change the Feasts, Holy Days, and Laws; and they will be given into his hand until a time, and times, and the dividing of time.

26 But the Judgment will sit, and they will take away his government, to consume and to destroy *it* completely.

27 Then the kingdoms and governments, and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, will be given to the people of the Saints of Yahweh, Whose Kingdom *is* an everlasting Kingdom, and all governments will serve and obey Him.

Daniyl shows that this beast will change the Mark of Yahweh, which are Yahweh's Feast Days and the Sabbaths. Daniyl shows this power would continue until Yahshua returns.

We know that the lying sign is the changing of the Sabbaths of Yahweh. Keeping the Sabbaths of Yahweh is the Mark of Yahweh that identifies Yahweh's Family. We know this lying mark will continue until the Millenium.

How did Satan bring this lying sign about? What could be such a lying sign that would deceive the whole world?

The Mark Of Yahweh Changed Through Lying

The Prophet Daniyl shows plainly that the beast would change the Mark of Yahweh. The Mark of Yahweh, as the Scriptures show is His Sabbaths and Feast Days. These mark Yahweh's Children as His Servants. So the mark of the beast would naturally be, to change these Holy Days to pagan days, in worship of the beast. Notice the following Scripture again.

● **Daniyl 7:25—**

And he will speak *great* words against Yahweh, and will wear out; *mentally attack to cause to fall away,* the Saints of Yahweh, <u>and think to change the Feasts, Holy Days, and Laws</u>; and they will be given into his hand until a time, and times, and the dividing of time.

The beast thinks to change times, the Feast Days and Laws of Yahweh. This beast deceived the world into turning from the very Laws that would give us Yahweh's Mark or identify us as belonging to Him.

None of the early believers kept the First Day of the week, Sunday, as the Sabbath. They kept the Sabbath Holy, on the Seventh Day, as commanded by Yahweh! So how did Sunday worship become instilled upon this world? The answer to this question was given before this very thing came to pass. Notice again what Daniyl told us.

● **Daniyl 7:25—**

And he will speak *great* words against Yahweh, and will wear out; *mentally attack to cause to fall away,* the Saints of Yahweh, and <u>think to change the Feasts, Holy Days, and Laws</u>; and they will be given into his hand until a time, and times, and the dividing of time.

This Scripture shows that the last religious power would think to change the Feasts and Laws of Yahweh. This last religious power has been proven to be the Roman Catholic Church and her Protestant offspring.

As proof that the Roman Catholic Church changed Sabbath worship to Sunday worship, excerpts are quoted from *Bible Readings for the Home* by Review and Herald Publishing Association, Washington, DC, 1963, pages 415-418.

PAPAL POWER ACKNOWLEDGES THIS ACT

What power has claimed authority to change God's law?

<u>The Papacy</u>.

NOTE—"The Pope is of so great authority and power that he can <u>modify, explain, or interpret</u> even divine laws...<u>The Pope can modify divine law</u>, since his power is not of man, but of God; and he acts as <u>vicegerent of God upon earth</u>."

Translated from Lucius Ferraris, *Prompta Bibliotheca* (Ready Library), "Papa,'' art. 2.

What part of the law of God has the Papacy thought to change?
The fourth commandment.

NOTE: They [the Catholics] allege the change of the Sabbath into the Lord's day, contrary, as it seemeth to the Decalogue; and they have no example more in their mouths than the change of the Sabbath. They will needs have the Church's power to be very great, because it hath dispensed with a precept of the Decalogue. The Augsburg Confession (Lutheran). Part 2. art. 7, in Philip Schaff, *The Creeds of Christendom* (Harper), Vol. 3, pg. 64.

"It [the Roman Catholic Church] *reversed* the Fourth Commandment by doing away with the Sabbath of God's word, and instituting Sunday as a holiday." N. Summerbell, *History of the Christian Church* (1873), pg. 415.

Why did God command Israel to hallow the Sabbath?
"For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it" Exodus 20:11.

NOTE: As the Sabbath was given that man might keep God in mind as Creator, it can be readily seen that a power endeavoring to exalt itself above God could do this in no other way so effectually as by setting aside God's memorial, the seventh-day Sabbath. To this work of the Papacy Daniel had reference when he said, "And he shall ...think to change times and laws." Daniel 7:25.

Does the Papacy acknowledge changing the Sabbath?
It does.

NOTE: The *Catechismus Romanus* was commanded by the Council of Trent and published by the Vatican Press by order of Pope Pius V, in 1566. This catechism for priests says: "It pleased the church of God, that the religious celebration of the Sabbath day should be transferred to 'the Lord's day'." *Catechism of the Council of Trent* (Donovan's translation, 1867), part 3, chap. 4, pg. 345. The same, in a slightly different wording, is in the McHugh and Callan translation (1937 ed), pg. 402.
Question: **How prove you that the Church hath power to command feasts and holydays?**
Answer: By the very act of changing the Sabbath into *Sunday,* which Protestants allow of; and therefore they fondly contradict themselves, by keeping *Sunday* strictly, and breaking most other feasts commanded by the same Church." HENRY TUBERVILLE, *An Abridgment of the Christian Doctrine* (1833 approbation), pg. 58. (Same statement in *Manual of Christian Doctrine,* ed. by Daniel Ferris [1916 ed.], pg. 67.)

Question: **Have you any other way of proving that the church has power to institute festivals of precept?**
Answer: Had she not such power, she could not have done that in which all modern religionists agree with her; she could not have substituted the observance of Sunday the first day of the week, for the observance of Saturday the seventh day, a change for which there is *no* Scriptural authority. STEPHEN KEENAN *A Doctrinal Catechism* (3d ed.): pg. 174.

The Catholic Church by virtue of her divine mission changed the day from Saturday to Sunday. *The Catholic Mirror* official organ of Cardinal Gibbons, Sept. 23, 1893.

"1. **Is Saturday the 7th day according to the Bible & the 10 Commandments?''**
"I answer yes.''
"2. **Is Sunday the first day of the week & did the Church change the 7th day, Saturday, for Sunday, the first day?''**
"I answer yes.''
"3. **Did Christ change the day?''**
"I answer no!''
Faithfully yours,
J. Cardinal Gibbons
Gibbons' autographed letter.

Question: **Which is the Sabbath day?**
Answer: Saturday is the Sabbath day.
Question: **Why do we observe Sunday instead of Saturday?**
Answer: We observe Sunday instead of Saturday because the Catholic Church transferred the solemnity from Saturday to Sunday. PETER GEIERMANN, *The Convert's Catechism of Catholic Doctrine* (1946 ed.). pg. 50. Geiermann received the "apostolic blessing" of Pope Pius X on his labors, January 25, 1910.

The Protestant churches which were originally members of the Roman Catholic Church before they left it in the 1500's and 1600's of this current era, also openly admit that the sanctifying of the first day of the week (Sunday) instead of [Yahweh's] Sabbath, is a manmade institution of the churches, and not by [Yahweh] or His word. Quoted here are some of these Protestants' admissions.

The reasons why we keep the first day of the week holy instead of the seventh is for the same reason that we observe many other things, not because the Bible, but the Church has enjoined it. *Plain Sermons on Catechism* by Isaac Williams (Anglican, and from which came the Methodists, Wesleyans, and Pentecostals), Volume 1, pages 334 and 336.

...It was far from the intentions of the Apostles to establish a divine command in this respect; far from them, and from the early apostolic church, to transfer the laws of the Sabbath to Sunday. *The History of the Christian Religion and Church* by Augustus Neander (Lutheran), page 186.

It is all old wives fables to talk of the change of the sabbath from the seventh to the first day. If it be changed, it was that august personage who changes times and laws ex officio. I think his name is DOCTOR ANTICHRIST. *The Christian Baptist* by Alexander Campbell (Christian, Disciples of Christ, Church of Christ), February 2, 1824 issue, Volume 1, Number 7.

Keeping the First Day of the week, as even Church leaders themselves openly admit, is a Satanic teaching which was meant to draw you away from your Creator, Yahweh, so you would not have His blessings or His protection from the things that are coming upon this earth!

● **Colossians 2:16-17—**

16 Therefore, let no man condemn you for *doing these things:* eating and drinking in the observance of a Feast Day, or of a New Moon, or of the Sabbath Day;
17 Which is a shadow from things to come for the body of Messiah.

Below are letters of admission from Catholic bishops. They admit to this change of Yahweh's Laws!

"You may read the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, and you will not find a single line authorizing the sanctification of Sunday. The Scriptures enforce the religious observance of Saturday, a day which we never sanctify."—JAMES CARDINAL GIBBONS, *The Faith of Our Fathers* (1917 ed.), pp. 72, 73.

"Nowhere in the Bible is it stated that worship should be changed from Saturday to Sunday. The fact is that the Church was in existence for several centuries before the Bible was given to the world. The Church made the Bible, the Bible did not make the Church.

"Now the Church...instituted, by God's authority, Sunday as the day of worship. This same church, by the same divine authority, taught the doctrine of Purgatory long before the Bible was made. We have, therefore, the same authority for Purgatory as we have for Sunday."—MARTIN L. SCOTT. *Things Catholics Are Asked About* (1927 ed.) p. 136.

"If we consulted the Bible only, we should still have to keep holy the Sabbath Day, that is Saturday."— JOHN LAUX, *A Course in Religion for Catholic High Schools and Academics,* Volume 1 (1936 ed.), p. 51. (Quoted by permission of Benziger Brothers, Inc., proprietors of the copyright.)

"Some theologians have held that God likewise directly determined the Sunday as the day of worship in the New Law, that He Himself has explicitly substituted the Sunday for the Sabbath. But this theory is now entirely abandoned. It is now commonly held that God simply gave His Church the power to set aside whatever day or days, she would deem suitable as Holy Days. The Church chose Sunday, the first day of the week, and in the course of time added other days, as holy days."—VINCENT J. KELLY (Catholic), *Forbidden Sunday and Feast-Day Occupations* (1943 ed.), p.2.

"The Church changed the observance of the Sabbath to Sunday by right of the divine, infallible authority given to her by her Founder, Jesus Christ. The Protestant, claiming the Bible to be the only guide of faith, has no warrant for observing Sunday. In this matter the Seventh Day Adventist is the only consistent Protestant. Sunday as the day of rest to honor our Lord's Resurrection dates to Apostolic times and was so established, among other reasons, to mark off the Jew from the Christian. St. Justin the Martyr, speaks of it in his Apologies."—*The Catholic Universe Bulletin*, Aug. 14, 1942, p.4.

—Mr. Morer, a learned clergyman of the Church of England, says: "*The Primitive Christians* had a great veneration for the *Sabbath*, and spent the *Day* in Devotion and Sermons. And 'tis not to be doubted but they derived this Practice from the *Apostles* themselves."—*A Discourse in Six Dialogues on the Name, Notion, and Observation of the Lord's Day*, p. 189.

"A history of the problem shows that in some places, it was really only after some centuries that the Sabbath rest really was entirely abolished, and by that time the practice of observing a bodily rest on the Sunday had taken its place."—Vincent J. Kelly, *Forbidden Sunday and Feast-Day Occupations*, p. 15.

Lyman Coleman says: "Down even to the fifth century the observance of the Jewish Sabbath was continued in the Christian church, but with a rigor and a solemnity gradually diminishing until it was wholly discontinued."—*Ancient Christianity Exemplified*, chap. 26, sec. 2.

The church historian Socrates, who wrote in the fifth century, says: "Almost all the churches throughout the world celebrate the sacred mysteries on the Sabbath of every week, yet the Christians of Alexandria and at Rome, no account of some ancient tradition, have ceased to do this."—*Ecclesiastical History, Book 5*, chap. 22, in *A Select Library of Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers*, 2nd series, Vol. 2, p. 32.

Sozomen, another historian of the same period, writes: "The people of Constantinople, and almost everywhere, assemble together on the Sabbath, as well as on the first day of the week, which custom is never observed at Rome or at Alexandria."—*Ecclesiastical History, Book 6*, chap. 19, in the same volume as the above quotation.

All of this would have been inconceivable had there been a divine command given for the change of the Sabbath. The last two quotations also show that Rome led in the apostasy and in the change of the Sabbath.

—"For ages all Christian nations looked to the Catholic Church, and as we have seen, the various states enforced by law her ordinances as to worship and cessation of labor on Sunday. Protestantism, in discarding the authority of the church, has no good reason for its Sunday theory, and ought logically, to keep Saturday as the Sabbath."

"The State, in passing laws for the due sanctification of Sunday, is unwittingly acknowledging the authority of the Catholic Church and carrying out more or less faithfully its prescriptions."

"The Sunday, as a day of the week set apart for the obligatory public worship of Almighty God, to be sanctified by a suspension of all servile labor, trade, and worldly avocations and by exercises of devotion, is purely a creation of the Catholic Church."—*The American Catholic Quarterly Review*, January, 1883, pp. 152, 139.

"If protestants would follow the bible, they should worship God on the Sabbath Day. In keeping the Sunday they are following a law of the Catholic Church."—Albert Smith, chancellor of the Archdiocese of Baltimore, replying for the cardinal in a letter of Dec. 10, 1920. (See also the quotation from Monsignor Segur on page 331.)

What do Catholics say of Protestant Sunday keepers?

"The observances of *Sunday* by the Protestants is an homage they pay, in spite of themselves, to the authority of the [Catholic] church."—Monsignor Louis Segur, *Plain Talk About The Protestantism of Today* (1868), p. 213.

The Catholic Church admits that it changed Yahweh's Sabbath Day from the Seventh Day, Saturday, to the First Day, Sunday. Sunday is not the Seventh Day of the week; it is the First Day. It was named after the sun god, Baal. There is not one Scripture commanding anyone to rest on Sunday from all their labor; yet, most of the world choose Sunday as the day for worship. Why?

The big lie used by many religions is the Easter sunrise resurrection. The Sunday resurrection is a lie, but Satan brought this lie forward to dissuade people from obeying Yahweh and from obtaining Yahweh's Mark, which set them apart from the world.

● **Mattithyah 12:39-40—**

39 So He answered, and said to them: An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign

will be given to it except the sign of the Prophet Yahnah:
40 For as Yahnah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

This is the **only sign** given that Yahshua was the true Messiah. In order to fulfill this sign, Yahshua would have to stay in the grave **three days** and **three nights** as Yahnah was in the fish's belly, as **Yahnah 1:17** says he was.

What does the world teach? Does it agree with the Inspired Scriptures? If what the world teaches disagrees with what the Scriptures teach, then its teachings are lies.

What The World Teaches

This world wants you to believe that Yahshua was placed in the grave on Good Friday evening and that He arose at **sunrise** Sunday morning. Add up this time span for yourself. If Yahshua was placed in the grave Friday evening and rose Sunday morning at sunrise, He would have only stayed in the grave Friday night, Saturday day, and Saturday night. This totals only one day and two nights.

Yahshua said the only sign that He was the Messiah was the fact He would be in the grave three days and three nights. Yahshua was not lying. Yahshua did stay in the grave that length of time.

Satan has caused the world to accept the big lie that Yahshua was only in the grave one day and two nights.

Actually, Yahshua Messiah was placed in the grave Wednesday evening and He was resurrected Saturday evening which is exactly three days and three nights. If you are unfamiliar with this Truth, please obtain our booklet *Was The Resurrection On Sunday* for detailed information proving this matter.

Satan has caused the one day and two nights **lie** to become accepted to take away the Mark of Yahweh which is the Sign that identifies us with Yahweh. Satan has also caused the majority of the world to observe Sunday worship, placing on Sunday observers the mark of Baal, which is the mark of the beast.

Remember, the Sign or Mark of Yahweh is in man's hand and in man's forehead. Man ceases from labor with his hand and worships Yahweh with his mind.

- **Exodus 13:9—**

And it shall be as a Sign to you upon your hand and as a Memorial between your eyes, that Yahweh's Law shall be in your mouth; for with a strong hand Yahweh has brought you out of Egypt.

The mark of the beast is in the hand, for with his hand, man works on the Sabbath of Yahweh. The mark of the beast is in the forehead (mind) for by keeping Sunday as a day of worship, man worships the beast!

Daniyl said the beast would think to change **TIMES** and **LAWS**. The Hebrew word for **times** means *appointed occasions*. Yahweh set appointed times for worshiping Him, which Yahweh said was the Sign that set us apart as belonging to Him.

Yahweh's Mark is the keeping of His Sabbath and His Feast Days. Satan's mark is Sunday worship and the celebrating of worldly holidays. It is because of the changing of Yahweh's Sabbath and Feast Days that the world has taken on the mark of the beast. Not only are Yahweh's Sabbaths and Feast Days not kept properly, but the entire world celebrates holidays that are condemned in the Holy Scriptures and actually have origins in Satanic, pagan God worship!

Another Lie

Many people today celebrate the pagan holidays of the world. These holidays which are celebrated instead of the appointed Feasts of Yahweh, were placed on the world by Satan to separate you from Yahweh. In this way you will not have the protection of Yahweh. Yahweh will not hear your prayers.

- **Isayah 59:1-2—**

1 Behold, Yahweh's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither His ear heavy, that it cannot hear:
2 But your iniquities have separated you from your Father; and your *own* sins have *caused Him* to hide His Face from you, so He will not listen.

Easter is actually the ancient worship of a pagan goddess, the consort of the god, Baal. Any of the world's Bible dictionaries and most informative encyclopedias will give you this information. You need not be deceived into Baal worship.

Halloween is a pagan custom celebrated by most of the world. Yet, it is the worship of the dead started by Nimrod and his mother/wife. This worship has continued to this present time. Again, any informative encyclopedia will give you this information. Halloween is far from being Scriptural. The worship of the dead, Halloween, is condemned in your Scriptures, but Satan has managed to persuade this world to worship the dead, to separate them from Yahweh, so Yahweh will not hear their prayers (**Isayah 59:1-2**).

We should desire to remove any obstacle which separates us from our Creator. If we are separated from Yahweh we have no Salvation which is exactly what Satan wants.

Are you beginning to see how Satan has deceived the whole world?

● **Revelation 12:9—**

And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the devil, and Satan, who deceives the whole world...

By the deception of Satan, most of the world has accepted the mark of the beast without even realizing what they have done.

The Mark Of the Beast The Observance Of Pagan Holidays

Pages 283-285 from *Strange Stories, Amazing Facts*, by Readers Digest Association, Inc., 1980, are displayed, proving again the holidays of this world are of pagan origin.

THE HOLY TIDES

The ancients had their own celebrations long before Christ

Christmas and Easter, although the greatest festivals in the Christian calendar, are celebrated with customs that originated in superstition and heathen rites hundreds of years before Christ was born.

Even the dates owe more to pagan practices than to the birth and resurrection of Jesus. It was not until the fourth century that December 25 was fixed arbitrarily as the anniversary of the Nativity because the pagan festivals from which so many Christmas customs spring were held around that time.

And Easter, still a movable feast despite much pressure to allot it a specific date, falls according to the phase of the moon that the pagans long ago decided was the appropriate time to venerate their gods.

Although Christianity has swept the world in a relatively short time, as the histories of great religions go, the early missionaries faced an uphill task. The pagans were reluctant to give up their false gods and ancient practices.

So the missionaries, unable to convert them easily to an entirely new code of worship, did the next best thing. They took the pagan festivals as they were and gradually grafted the observances of the new faith onto these festivals and the rites and customs surrounding them.

December 25 was not called Christmas until the ninth century. Until then it had been the Midwinter Feast, a combination of the Norse Yule Festival and the Roman Saturnalia, both of which took place in late December.

Weeklong feast

The seven days of Roman feasting were an occasion for exchanging presents, one of the pagan customs that was gladly incorporated into Christmas. Even the sternest advocates of the new faith could not eradicate the notion that Saturnalia was a time for merry-making.

...In the centuries that followed the Norman Conquest, as Christianity gained a firmer hold, carols and the Nativity play were added. And Father Christmas evolved as a mixture of the red-robed Lord of Misrule and St. Nicholas (Santa Claus), the patron saint of children.

The mistletoe

Mistletoe, a plant sacred to the Druids, was hung outside Viking homes as a sign of peace and welcome to strangers.

The custom of kissing under the mistletoe has been traced to the Roman Saturnalia. It has also been associated with certain primitive marriage rites.

Even in relatively modern times, Christmas has not always been celebrated with unmixed enthusiasm. Under the 17th-century Puritan regime in England it was attacked because of its heathen associations, and Cromwell's soldiers were ordered to tear down seasonal decorations.

The prohibition spread to North America, where it remained in force until 1836 when the straitlaced descendants of the Pilgrim Fathers finally overcame their distaste, and December 25 was proclaimed a national public holiday.

Easter, like Christmas, was set by the early Christians to fit smoothly into the pagan time-table. In this case they chose the spring festival of Eastre, the Germanic Goddess of Dawn, held around the vernal equinox—the date when day and night are of equal length.

"One a penny, two a penny..."

Hot-cross buns, eaten nowadays by many people during Lent, are also a survival from pagan festivals. Both Greek and Roman women used to bake little "magic" wheat cakes. Two such buns, each with a cross on it, were found in the ruins of Herculaneum (Named after Hercules, offspring of Zeus), destroyed when Vesuvius erupted in A.D. 79.

The origins of the Easter-egg go back even further in history. Most of the ancient civilizations regarded the egg as the seed of life and fertility or a symbol of reincarnation. So it is not surprising that it was adopted along with the spring festival as a reminder of Jesus Christ's resurrection.

Egg rolling

The egg rollings of today are leftovers from the days when farmers hopefully rolled eggs across their fields to ensure good crops.

In Washington, in the early 1870s, so many children used the White House grounds for this pastime that the turf suffered and the game was transferred to the Capitol terrace. Mrs. Rutherford Hayes, the President's wife, took pity on the many disappointed children and again put the White House lawn at their disposal. From this beginning,

Easter Monday egg rolling at the White House has become a national institution—a good example of a modern holiday custom that has its roots far back in pagan history.

ALL HALLOWS' EVE

When ghosts, demons, and witches are abroad

Like Christmas and Easter, the festival of Halloween originated in a pagan celebration, even though its name derives from the Christian festival of All Hallows' or All Saints' Eve.

It was introduced in the seventh century to commemorate all those saints and martyrs who had no special day to themselves and was held on May 13. But in the eighth century All Hallows' Day was moved to November 1, to counteract the pagan celebrations held on that date.

October 31, the eve of November 1, was the last night of the year in the ancient Celtic calendar and was celebrated as the end of summer and its fruitfulness. It was a festival that the Celts of northern Europe marked with bonfires, to help the sun through the winter.

Winter also called to mind the chill and blackness of the grave, and so it was a time when ghosts would walk, and supernatural spirits, warlocks, and witches would hold their revels.

Only since the late 18th and early 19th centuries has Halloween developed into a festive time for children, with costumes, lanterns, and games. Before then it was regarded as a night of fear, and wise men, respectful of hobgoblins and wandering demons, stayed indoors.

In the 17th and 18th centuries, however, it was customary for ''guisers''—people in weird masks and costumes—to go from house to house, singing and dancing to keep evil at bay, or to go about as representations of the ghosts and goblins of the night.

Trick or treat

This custom has survived today in many parts of the world, as a children's masquerade. In the United States costumed children go from door to door in a ritual known as trick or treat. They usually carry a sack and threaten to play a trick on householders if they are not given a ''treat'', in the form of candy or cookies.

The Halloween lantern, made from a hollowed-out pumpkin or turnip with a candle inside it, is a relic from the days when food offerings were made to the spirits of the dead.

Another Case In Point—Easter

To the surprise of most people, Easter was celebrated thousands of years before the so-called New Testament was ever written. Easter was a most honored pagan tradition that was celebrated in honor of a pagan goddess. This day has nothing in common with any Law and is actually condemned in the Holy Scriptures.

Easter has nothing to do with the history of the death, burial, or resurrection of the One named as the Savior in Book Two of the Holy Scriptures. Yet men have gone to extremes to convince people that they should celebrate Easter Sunday as the resurrection day of Yahshua Messiah.

The Christian Celebration Of Easter

Easter is merely the holiday in honor of the great mother of mystery religions. Known in various places as Ishtar, Astarte, and Ashtoreth, this goddess mourns at the death of the god Tammuz. *The Last Two Million Years,* by The Readers Digest Association, 1971, pages 217-218, gives us this information.

> By a stroke of tactical genius the Church... was able to harness the powerful emotions generated by pagan worship. Often, churches were sited where pagan temples had stood before, and many heathen festivals were added to the Christian calendar. Easter, for instance, a time of sacrifice and rebirth in the Christian year, takes its name from the Norse goddess Eostre, in whose honour rites were held every spring. She in turn was simply a Northern version of the Phoenician earth-mother Astarte, goddess of fertility. Easter eggs continue an age-old tradition in which the egg is a symbol of birth; and cakes which were eaten to mark the festivals of Astarte and Eostre were the direct ancestors of our hot-cross buns.

Astarte of Phoenicia was the offshoot of Ishtar of Assyria. To the Hebrews, this abomination was known as Ashtoreth—Ashtoroth.

● **I Kings 11:33—**

> *I will do this* because they have forsaken Me, and worshiped Ashtoreth the goddess of the Phoenicians (Sidonians), Chemosh the god (el) of the Moabites, and Milcom (Molech) the god (el) of the people of Ammon, and have not walked in My ways, to do that which is right in My eyes, and to keep My Statutes and My Judgments, as David His father did.

From *Collier's Encyclopedia,* Volume 3, page 13, we read of this goddess.

> **ASHTOROTH**, the plural of the Hebrew 'Ashtoreth, the Phoenician-Canaanite goddess Astarte, deity of fertility, reproduction, and war. The use of the plural form probably indicates a general designation for the collective female deities of the Canaanites, just as the plural Baalim refers to the male deities.

Tammuz, according to *Collier's Encyclopedia,* Volume 15, page 749, was the Sumero-Akkadian god of vegetation, who was known as Adonai—my lord.

> The cult of Tammuz, under the west-Semitic name of Adonai (my lord) and the Greek equivalent Adonis, was widespread throughout the Mediterranean

world. According to still extant mythology, Tammuz died, descended to the lower world, was resurrected, and ascended again to earth and then to heaven.

The worship of Easter (Ashtoreth) along with the god Tammuz was condemned by the Prophet Yechetzqyah.

● **Yechetzqyah 8:14—**

Then he brought me to the door of the gate of Yahweh's House, which was toward the north; and behold, there sat women weeping for Tammuz.

This weeping for Tammuz was an abomination which was being practiced even by the people of Yerusalem at the time Yechetzqyah was prophesying. This weeping was a pagan fertility rite. One of the ceremonies of Ishtar-Easter worship was that of weeping for the dead vegetation god, because fertility had ceased from the land. To the pagan mind, unless this god was resurrected, there would be no renewing of fertility with the great mother goddess.

Hot cross buns are in reality Tammuz cakes. These little magic Tammuz cakes were made and used in the worship of Ishtar-Easter—the Queen of Heaven.

During the time that the Prophet Yeremyah was proclaiming Yahweh's Laws to the people, Yahweh inspired him to rebuke His people for these pagan practices.

● **Yeremyah 7:17-20—**

17 Do you not see what they do in the cities of Yahdah and in the streets of Yerusalem?

18 *How* the children gather wood, and the fathers kindle the fire, while the women knead dough to make cakes for the Queen of Heaven, and how they pour out drink offerings to the hinder gods (elohim), so they may act defiantly against Me?

19 Is it I Whom they act defiantly against? says Yahweh: *Or is it* not themselves, *whom they harm* to their own shame?

20 Therefore this is what Yahweh says: Behold, they have acted defiantly *against Me,* so Justice will be poured out on this place—on man and on beast, on the trees of the field and on the fruit of the ground—and they will burn; and *this fire* will not be quenched.

Easter then, is the modern version of the ancient pagan canaanite worship of the Queen of Heaven condemned by all the Prophets. The Roman Catholic Church merely changed the names of the gods, while continuing to worshp them instead of Yahweh.

Pages 103-104 of *The Two Babylons*, by Alexander Hislop, explains the pagan origin of Easter:

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Then look at Easter. What means the term Easter itself? It is not a Christian name. It bears its Chaldean origin on its very forehead. Easter is nothing else than "Astarte," one of the titles of Beltis, the queen of heaven whose name, as pronounced by the people of Nineveh, was evidently identical with that now in common use in this country. That 'name', as found by Layard on the Assyrian monuments, is "Ishtar."

Whence, then, came this observance? The forty days' abstinence of Lent was directly borrowed from the worshipers of the Babylonian goddess. Such a Lent of forty days, "In the spring of the year," is still observed by the Uezidis or pagan devil-worshipers of Koordistan, who have inherited it from their early masters, the Babylonians.

Among the Pagans this Lent seems to have been an indispensable preliminary to the great annual festival in commemoration of the death and resurrection of Tammuz, which was celebrated by alternate weeping and rejoicing, and which, in many countries, was considerably later than the Christian festival, being observed in Palestine and Assyria in June, therefore called the "month of Tammuz;" in Egypt, about the middle of May and in Britain, some time in April.

To conciliate the pagans to nominal Christianity, Rome, pursuing its usual policy, took measures to get the Christian and pagan festivals amalgamated, and by a complicated but skillful adjustment of the calendar, it was found no difficult matter, in general, to get paganism and Christianity—now far sunk in idolatry—in this as in so many other things, to shake hands.

Although there is no Scriptural command to celebrate the birth of the Savior, most of the world think it would be a sin to pass up such a religious holiday. Almost everyone believes that December 25th is the birthday of Yahshua the Messiah. This date is not Yahshua's birth date. Their authoritative references, Bible dictionaries, and Bible encyclopedias, will give you this information. Notice the following from *Clarke's Commentary*, Volume 5, page 370.

…it is a custom among the Jews to send out their sheep to the deserts about the Passover, and bring them home at the commencement of the first rain: during the time they were out, the shepherds watched them night and day. As the Passover occurred in the Spring, and the first rain began early in the month of Marchesvan, which answers to part of our October and November, we find that the sheep were kept out in the open country during the whole summer. And as these shepherds had not yet brought home their flocks, it is a presumptuous argument that October had not yet commenced, and that, consequently, our Messiah was not born on the 25th of December, when no flocks were out in the fields; nor could He have been born later than September, as the flocks were still in the fields by night. On this very ground the nativity in December should be given up! The feeding of flocks by night in the fields is a chronological fact.

You will not find one Scripture telling you to celebrate Christmas. The world's authoritative references show that Christmas, December 25th is the

birthday of a pagan god. We are told by the Prophet Yeremyah that Christmas is a heathen custom. Yeremyah also tells us in plain, simple language not to learn this custom. Read this in your own Scriptures.

● **Yeremyah 10:1-8—**

1 Hear the word which Yahweh speaks concerning you, O house of Israyl.

2 This is what Yahweh says: Do not learn the ways; *religious practices,* of the heathen; *Gentile nations;* and do not be deceived by the signs of heaven; though the heathen are deceived by them; *using them to set their feasts.*

3 For the *religious* customs of the peoples *are* vain; *worthless!* For *one* cuts a tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman, with the ax.

4 They decorate it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers, so that it will not move; *topple over.*

5 It *is* upright, like a palm tree, but it cannot speak; it must be carried, because it cannot go *by itself.* Do not give it reverence! It cannot do evil, nor *is it* in it to do Righteousness!

6 *There is* none like You, O Yahweh! You *are* great, and Your Name is mighty in power.

7 Who should not reverence You, O Father of nations? Yes, that is Your due! Among all the wise *men* of the nations, and in all their kingdoms, *there is* none like You!

8 But they are altogether senseless; as one they are consumed by their foolishness; their stock is a doctrine of vanities; *preaching about worthless gods (elohim, teraphim) made of wood!*

Following are copies of pages 97-99 from *The Two Babylons*, by Alexander Hislop. These are festivals that come from Babylon, not from the Holy Scriptures.

CHRISTMAS AND LADY-DAY

...and revelry, slaves had a temporary emancipation,* and used all manner of freedoms with their masters. This was precisely the way in which, according to Berosus, the drunken festival of the month Thebeth, answering to our December, in other words, the festival of Bacchus, was celebrated in Babylon.

"It was the custom," says he, "during the five days it lasted, for masters to be in subjection to their servants, and one of them ruled the house, clothed in a purpose garment like a king." This "purpose-robed" servant was called "Zoganes," the "Man of sport and wantonness," and answered exactly to the "Lord of Misrule," that in the dark ages was chosen in all Popish countries to head the revels of Christmas.

The wassailing bowl of Christmas had its precise counterpart in the "Drunken festival" of Babylon; and many of the other observances still kept up among ourselves at Christmas came from the very same quarter. The candles, in some parts of England, lighted on Christmas-eve, and used so long as the festive season lasts, were equally lighted by the pagans on the eve of the festival of the Babylonian god, to do honour to him: for it was one of the distinguishing peculiarities of this worship to have lighted wax-candles on his altars.

The Christmas tree, now so common among us, was equally common in pagan Rome and pagan Egypt. In Egypt that tree was the palm-tree; in Rome it was the fir; the palm-tree denoting the pagan messiah, as Baal-Tamar, the fir referring to him as Baal-Berith. The mother of Adonis, the Sun-God and great mediatorial divinity, was mystically said to have been changed into a tree, and when in that state to have brought forth her divine son.**

If the mother was a tree, the son must have been recognized as the "Man of the branch." And this entirely accounts of the putting of the Yule Log into the fire at Christmas-eve and the appearance of the Christmas-tree the next morning.

As Zero-Ashta, "The seed of the woman," which name also signified *Ignigena*, or "born of the fire," he has to enter the fire on "Mother-night," that he may be born the next day out of it, as the "Branch of God," or the Tree that brings all divine gifts to men. But why, it may be asked, does he enter the fire under the symbol of a Log? To understand this, it must be remember that the divine child born at the winter solstice was born as a new incarnation of the great god (after that god had been cut in pieces), on purpose to revenge his death upon his murderers.*

Now the great god, cut off in the midst of his power and glory, was symbolized as a huge tree, stripped of all its branches, and cut down almost to the ground. But the great serpent, the symbol of life restoring Esculapius, twists itself around the dead stock, and lo, at its side up sprouts a young tree—a tree of an entirely different kind, that is destined never to be cut down by hostile power—even the palm-tree, the well-known symbol of victory.

The Christmas-tree, as has been stated, was generally at Rome a different tree, even the fir; but the very same idea as was implied in the palm-tree was implied in the Christmas-fir; for that covertly symbolized the new-born god as Baal-berith, "Lord of the Covenant," and thus shadowed for the perpetuity and everlasting nature of his power, now that after having fallen before his enemies, he had risen triumphant over them all.

Therefore, the 25th of December, the day that was observed at Rome as the day when the victorious god reappeared on earth, was held at the Natalis invictisolis, "The birthday of the unconquered Sun."

Now the Yule Log is the dead stock of Nimrod, deified as the sun-god but cut down by his enemies; the Christmas-tree is Nimrod *redivivus*—the slain god come to life again. In the light reflected by the above statement on customs that still linger among us, the origin of which has been lost in the midst of hoar antiquity, let the reader look at the singular practice still kept up in the South on Christmas-eve, of kissing under the mistletoe bough.

That mistletoe bough in the Druidic superstition,

which, as we have seen, was derived from Babylon, was a representation of the Messiah, "The man the branch." The mistletoe was regarded as a divine branch,* a branch that came from heaven, and grew upon a tree that sprang out of the earth. Thus by the engrafting of the celestial branch into the earthly tree, heaven and earth, that sin had severed, were joined together, and thus the mistletoe bough became the token of Divine reconciliation to man, the kiss being the well-known token of pardon and reconciliation...

The custom of Christmas came from what Daniyl and the Apostle Yahchanan called the beast. This custom was part of a false religion started by Nimrod, who was against Yahweh.

● **Genesis 10:8-9—**

8 And Cush begat Nimrod: he began to be a mighty one in the earth.

9 He was a tyrant who deceived, who turned against Yahweh: therefore it is said: Like Nimrod the tyrant who deceived, who turned against Yahweh.

These pagan festivals were celebrated in the days of Mosheh. The Children of Israyl were swayed by the pagan God worshipers.

● **Numbers 25:1-3—**

1 While Israyl was staying in Shittim, *meaning,* Acacia Grove, the people began to commit sexual immorality with Moabite women.

2 They invited them to the sacrifices of their gods (elohim), and the people went and bowed down in front of their gods (elohim).

3 So Israyl joined in worshiping the Baal of Peor; *the Lord of Peor,* and they acted defiantly *against* Yahweh; so *He* turned away because Israyl had forsaken *Him*.

Here we see certain of the Babylonian God worshipers calling certain Israylites to their parties. Remember what you just read concerning Christmas, Easter, Halloween, etc. These were the festivals referred to as sacrifices in most versions of the Bible.

● **Psalm 106:28—**

They yoked themselves also unto Baal-Peor, and ate the sacrifices offered to the dead.

● *Clarke's Commentary*, Volume 3, page 561, says this about **Psalm 106:28**: "ate the sacrifices of the dead. Hebrew-Methim…of dead men." Most of the heathen gods were men, who had been deified after their death.

● **Psalm 106:33-39—**

33 Because they rebelled against Your Spirit, and rash words came from *Mosheh's* lips.

34 *Then* they did not utterly destroy; *cherem, devote to utter destruction,* the nations as You, O Yahweh, had commanded them,

35 But they mingled; *intermarried,* with the nations, and practiced their customs; *pagan holidays.*

36 They served their idols; *images of their gods (elohim),* which became a snare; *a temptation to god-worship,* for them;

37 And they sacrificed their sons and their daughters to these demons (gods, elohim)—

38 They shed innocent blood, the blood of their sons and daughters–whom they sacrificed to the gods (elohim) of Canaan, and the land was defiled with blood.

39 They defiled themselves through their own practices, and played the prostitute by their own deeds; *they abandoned Yahweh to worship the gods (elohim)!*

● *Clarke's Commentary*, Volume 3, page 561 says the following about **Psalm 106:33-39**.

Verse 33. *They provoked his spirit*] המרו himru, from מרה marah, to rebel: they brought it into a rebellious state; he was soured and irritated, and was off his guard.

So that he spake unadvisedly with his lips.] For this sentence we have only these two words in the Hebrew, ויבט א בשפתיו *vayebatte bisephathaiv, he stuttered or stammered with his lips,* indicating that he was transported with anger. see the notes on Num. xx. 10-12.

Verse 36. *They served their idols*] עצביהם *atsabbeyhem,* their *labours* or *griefs*—idols, so called because of the *pains* taken in *forming* them, the *labor* in *worshipping* them, and the *grief* occasioned by the *Divine judgments* against the people for their idolatry.

Verse 37. *They sacrificed their sons and their daughters unto devils.*] See the places referred to in the margin. That *causing their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire to Moloch* did not always mean they *burnt them to death* in the flames, is very probable. But all heathen had *human sacrifices;* of this their history is full. *Unto devils,* לשדים *lashshedim* to *demons. Devil* is never in Scripture used in the plural; there is but ONE *devil,* though there are MANY demons.

Verse 39. *And went a whoring.*] By *fornication, whoredom,* and *idolatry,* the Scripture often expresses *idolatry and idolatrous acts*. I have given the reason of this in other places. Besides being false to the true God, to whom they are represented as *betrothed* and *married,* (and their acts of idolatry were breaches of this solemn engagement,) the worship of idols was frequently accompanied with various acts of *impurity*.

The translation in the *Anglo-Saxon* is very remarkable: ȝ hi ȝynenliȝeðeoon, *and they fornicated.* In *Anglo-Saxon,* ȝynen signifies to *fire, to ignite;* ȝynenan, to *commit adultery.* So ȝynenhicȝeno is a *prostitute, a whore;* and ȝynen liznenian is to *go a whoring,* to *fornicate;*

This Baal worship was the worship of the dead. It started in Babylon, with Nimrod. Long before Yahshua Messiah was ever born, as Reader's Digest, *Strange Stories, Amazing Facts* shows—these are the same pagan holidays that all the world celebrate today. Only the names are changed to disguise the gods who are actually being worshiped.

● **Hosheyah 9:10—**

I found Israyl like grapes in the wilderness: I saw your

fathers as the firstfruits on the fig tree in its first season. *But* they went to Baal Peor; *Lord of the Opening, or child-bearing*, and separated themselves to the shame; bosheth: baal; the lord. They became an abomination, like the thing they loved.

● *Clarke's Commentary* has this to say about **Hosheyah 9:10**:

Verse 10, *I found Israel like grapes in the wilderness*] While they were faithful, they were as *acceptable* to me as *ripe grapes* would be to a thirst traveler in the desert.

I saw your fathers] Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, Joshua, Caleb, Samuel, &c.

As the first ripe] Those grapes, whose bud having come first, and being exposed most to the sun, have been the first ripe upon the tree; which tree was now in the vigour of youth, and bore fruit for the *first time*. A metaphor of the *rising prosperity* of the Jewish state.

But they went to Baal-peor] The same as the Roman Priapus, and worshipped with the most impure rites.

And their abominations were according as they loved.] Or, "They became as abominable as the object of their love." So Bp. *Newcome*. And this was superlatively abominable.

Notice the underlined above, same as the Roman Priapus. Priapus, according to *Webster's Deluxe Unabridged Dictionary*, Second Edition is:

+1. in Greek and Roman mythology, a god personifying the male function of generation, conceived as the son Dionysus and Aphrodite; the god of procreation.

The Roman world, well after the time of Nimrod, was still worshiping the same Baal gods. In fact, this worship never ceased. It went from country to country and from generation to generation. It has become stronger down through the years; at this present generation, no part of the globe is left untouched by these religious holidays in honor of Baal.

The Nimrod worship did not cease when the city of Babylon was destroyed. It spread to Rome. The same gods of Babylon were worshiped, they just had different names. Remember this fact because it was from Rome that the Roman Catholic Church was started.

As a result of this Nimrod religion, the Israylites lost sight of Yahweh. They lost Yahweh's protection. They were cut off from Him, as described in **Isayah 59:1-3**, and they were taken captive and carried away to Babylon.

The children of Israyl were carried away to Babylon as captives because of their following the same customs, the same religious practices, that the whole world practice today.

All of these religious customs are part of the Baal worship that caused the Israylties to become separated from Yahweh. Although this world thinks these religious customs are Scriptural, there are absolutely no Scriptures condoning these pagan practices.

These pagan religious customs are all condemned in the Holy Scriptures. Some of these customs were instituted by Nimrod and some were instituted by Nimrod's wife (who was also his mother) after Nimrod's death, to take the place of the Mark of Yahweh on the people. The Mark of Yahweh that sets you apart as belonging to Him are the Sabbaths and Feast Days (**Exodus 13:9,31:13,17 and Yechetzqyah 20:12,20**).

By establishing counterfeit holidays, Nimrod took away the Mark of Yahweh and established another mark. Yahweh calls this the doctrine of vanities (**Yeremyah 10:8**).

The Beastly System Started With Nimrod

This beastly government which Daniyl saw actually started in the days of Nimrod. It has grown continually stronger, and has spread throughout the entire world.

● **Genesis 10:8-11—**

8 And Cush begat Nimrod: he began to be a mighty one in the earth.
9 He was a tyrant who deceived, who turned against Yahweh: therefore it is said: Like Nimrod the tyrant who deceived, who turned against Yahweh.
10 And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, and Erech, Accad, add Calneh, in the land of Shinar.
11 Out of that land he (Nimrod) went to Assyria, and built Nineveh, and the city streets, and Calah.

Archaeology confirms the Scriptural statement that the cities of Assyria owed their existence to the development of Babylonian power by conquest and colonization. Nineveh is the capital of Assyria.

● **Genesis 10:13—**

And Mitzraim begot Ludim, and Amamim, and Lehabim, and Naphuhim.

Lehabim are the modern Libyans. Naphtihum are the dwellers of the Nile Delta.

● **Genesis 10:14—**

And Pathrusim, and Casluhim (out of whom came Philistim) and Caphtorim.

Pathrusim is the population of Upper Egypt, Pathros. The Philistines descended from the Casluhim. And Caphtorim were the inhabitants of Crete.

● **Genesis 10:15—**

And Canaan begot Sidon his firstborn, and Heth.

Sidon is the oldest settlement of the Canaanites. Please remember, Canaan is the land the children of Israyl entered when they left the land of Egypt. It was from the vocabulary of the Canaanites that the Israylites adopted the words, lord and god, words used to replace the Name of the Creator, Yahweh, in the Scriptures. These Canaanite gods and lords are what this whole world worship today—lords, men, dead or living, gods of anything; wood, stone or metal. The Assyrian name Babel means gate of god, not gate of Yahweh. Nimrod was the father of the Canaanites. It was the Nimrod-established religion which opposed Yahweh, that Israyl accepted. It is the worship of lords and gods.

After the descendants of Nimrod and Canaan (Ham's son) settled all of the area of the land promised to the Children of Israyl, then **Genesis 10:18** indicates they spread abroad.

The false religion of the beast has spread throughout the entire world. It will continue until the beginning of the Millenium when Satan will not be allowed to teach against the Laws of Yahweh. At this time, the Mark of Yahweh will once again be established and the appointed Sabbaths and Feast Days will be universally reinstated. Read **Zecharyah 14:1-21**. At that time all the world will learn to celebrate the Great Feasts of Yahweh. The New Moons and Sabbaths will also be observed.

● **Isayah 66:21-24—**

21 And I will also take of them for Priests *and* for Levites, says Yahweh.

22 For as the restored heavens and the restored earth which I will make will remain before Me, says Yahweh: so will your seed and your name remain.

23 And it will come to pass *that* from one New Moon to another, and from one Sabbath to another, all flesh will come to worship before Me, says Yahweh.

24 And they will go forth and look upon the carcasses of the men who have transgressed against Me; for their worm will not die, nor will their fire be quenched; and they will be an abhorrence to all flesh.

Yahweh's appointed Sabbaths and Feast Days will once again bring the people back in contact with Yahweh.

● **Isayah 58:13-14—**

13 If you turn away your foot from *breaking* the Sabbath: *from* doing your pleasure; *your own business, your own pleasure,* on My Holy Day, and call the Sabbath a delight; the Holy *Day* of Yahweh honorable, and will honor Him *by* not doing your own ways, nor finding your own pleasure, nor engaging in idle conversation:

14 Then you will find your joy in Yahweh; and I will cause you to ride on the high places of the earth, and feed you with the heritage of Yaaqob your father—for the mouth of Yahweh has spoken *it*.

Isayah shows when people live by these Laws of Yahweh, then and only then are their prayers heard, and answered by Yahweh (**Isayah 59:1-2**).

When the people are turned to Yahweh they will call upon the True Name of the Creator.

● **Isayah 42:8—**

I am Yahweh, that is My Name and My Glory will I not give to another, neither My praise to graven images.

This world is not giving their praises to Yahweh. They are giving their praises to the dead and pagan deities.

Yahweh says these are His Sabbaths, His Signs, His Mark, which separate His People from the false religions of this world.

Remember, Babylon is the kingdom Nimrod built (**Genesis 10:10-11**). The gods of Babylon are the same gods the whole world is worshiping today. The God the world is worshiping today causes all the sickness and war all over this world, and will soon almost bring this world to its total destruction!

● **Mattithyah 24:22—**

And unless those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved; but for the Elect's sake those days will be shortened

When Yahweh brought the Children of Israyl out of Egypt, He warned them not to worship hinder gods. The Hebrew word translated **other** in **Exodus 20:3** in the *King James Version* means *hinder* or those behind you. In Egypt, every known god was worshiped.

Egypt was part of Nimrod's Babylonish Kingdom. Egypt worshiped every known god and lord during the time span the Children of Israyl were in bondage in Egypt.

It is said by the ancient Sages that when Mosheh and Aaron approached Pharaoh to tell him Yahweh said to let His People go, Pharaoh called his religious leaders. These leaders then looked through the books, which listed every known god, but the Name of Yahweh was not listed among the gods. Yahweh has NEVER identified Himself as a god. He is our Loving Heavenly Father and He does identify Himself as that. The original Scriptures did not identify Yahweh as a god. This came about through copyists, who accepted these words from other countries and replaced the Creator's Name with them. Other copyists held firm to the Name of Yahweh only. Yahweh was also identified by the Messiah as "Our Father Who is in heaven," but Yahshua never called the Creator, God.

Yahweh warned Israyl after the Exodus from Egypt not to turn again to hinder gods, the gods of Egypt they had left behind.

Yahweh offered His blessings on Israyl, just as Yahweh offers these blessings to you today, if they, and you, would be true to Him.

● **Deuteronomy 28:1-14—**

1 And it will be, if you will listen diligently to the Voice of Yahweh your Father, by observing and doing all His Laws which I command you this day, that Yahweh your Father will set you high above all the nations on earth *as His Kings and Priests*.

2 And all these blessings will come upon you, and accompany you, because you obey Yahweh your Father:

3 Blessed will you be in the city, and blessed will you be in the country.

4 Blessed will be the fruit of your body, the produce of your ground, and the young of your livestock: the calves of your herds and the lambs of your flocks.

5 Blessed will be your basket and your storehouse.

6 Blessed will you be when you come in, and blessed will you be when you go out.

7 It will come to pass that your enemies, who rise up against you, will be caused to be defeated in front of you; they will come out against you from one direction, but flee from you in seven directions.

8 Yahweh will send a blessing on your barns and storehouses, and in everything you set your hand to do. Yahweh will bless you in the land which Yahweh your Father is giving you.

9 Yahweh will establish you as His Holy People unto Himself, as He promised you on oath, if you will keep the Laws of Yahweh your Father, and walk in all His Ways.

10 Then all the people on the earth will see that you are called by the Name of Yahweh, and they will honor you.

11 Yahweh will grant you plenteous possessions—in the fruit of your body, in the increase of your livestock, and in the produce of your ground—in the land Yahweh vowed on oath to your forefathers to give you.

12 Yahweh will open the heavens, the storehouse of His bountiful treasure, to send rain upon your land in its season, and to bless all the work of your hands. You will lend to many nations, but you will borrow from none.

13 Yahweh will make you the head, and not the tail. You will be at the top only, and never be at the bottom, if you will pay attention to the Laws of Yahweh your Father, which I command you this day, and are *then* careful to observe and do them.

14 *For if you diligently observe and do all of Yahweh's Law,* then you will not turn aside from any of the Laws which I command you this day, to the right hand nor to the left; *by* going after any god (el) to serve it.

What Occurs To Those Who Take The Mark Of The Beast?

Satan always tries to make it hard on anyone who keeps Yahweh's Sabbaths and Feast Days. Satan tries to make it hard for them to find employment. At this present time, Satan rules through deception. Many people have been fired from their jobs when they started keeping the Sabbath and other Laws of Yahweh.

Keeping the Sabbath Day has always been a test for the People of Yahweh. I have seen in past years that if one obeys Yahweh, proving to Yahweh that he is willing to obey Him no matter what, then Yahweh will eventually bless him more than he was ever blessed before.

The day is coming when those people who yield to Satan, accepting the mark of the beast, will have to suffer the curses caused by their sins. The wrath of the nations will be throughout all the world. Notice what Yahweh says:

● **Revelation 16:1-2—**

1 And I heard a great voice out of the House saying to the seven Malakim: Go your ways, and pour out the bowls of the Justice of Yahweh upon the earth!

2 And the first went, and poured out his bowl upon the earth; and there came <u>a noisome and grievous sore upon the men who had the mark of the beast</u>, and *upon* those who worshiped his likeness.

● **Revelation 19:19-20—**

19 And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies gathered together to make war against Him Who sat on the horse, and against His army.

20 And the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs before him, with <u>which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast</u>, and those who worshiped his likeness. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.

Curses!

Satan does not answer prayers, nor does Satan protect. When the Israylites turned to the worship of Baal, they, as anyone today, could expect these curses. Yahweh, Himself, does not send these curses. Man brings them upon himself by breaking the Laws of Yahweh, that would have guided him into peace, safety and health. Since man's sins have shut him off from Yahweh so He will not hear (**Isayah 59:1-2**), neither does he have His protection. Therefore, the curses will grow worse as man's governments continue to operate without Yahweh's Laws.

● **Deuteronomy 28:15-24—**

15 However, if you do not obey Yahweh your Father, and do not carefully follow all His Laws and His Statutes, which I command you this day, then all these curses will come upon you, and accompany you:

16 Cursed will you be in the city, and cursed will you be in the country.

17 Cursed will be your basket and your storehouse.

18 Cursed will be the fruit of your body, the produce of your land, the calves of your herds, and the lambs of your flocks.

19 Cursed will you be when you come in, and cursed will you be when you go out.

20 Because of the wickedness you have done in forsaking Me, it will come to pass that you will have given yourselves over to curses, confusion, and rebuke, in everything you put your hand to do, until you are destroyed and come to sudden ruin,

21 It will come to pass that you will cause the plagues to cling to you, until you are destroyed from the land you are entering to possess.

22 It will come to pass that you will *cause yourselves* to be struck with consumption, with a fever, with an inflammation, with scorching heat, with the sword, with blasting, and with mildew; they will stay with you, until you perish.

23 And the heaven that is over your heads shall be brass, and the earth under you shall be iron.
24 It will come to pass that you will cause the rain of your land *to become* powder and dust: from heaven it shall come down upon you, until you are destroyed.

Please understand that these Prophecies were not to come in one day, one year, or even a lifetime. These Prophecies cover the 6,000 years allotted to man to live his own way. Yahweh has predicted the outcome of man's rule, plus the curses that man would bring upon himself year after year. The end result will be almost total destruction. We are nearing that time now when **verses 22-24** will be fulfilled. Even at this time, the whole world is suffering from the curses we read of in **verses 15-20**.

These are the same curses that are all over the world today. But we have not seen the last of these curses yet. They will continually grow worse as time nears the end. The last of these curses mentioned will only take place in the Last Days.

● **Chagyah 1:5-9—**

5 Now therefore this is what Yahweh of Hosts says: Consider your ways!
6 You have sown much, but bring in little; you eat, but do not have enough; you drink, but you are not filled with drink; you clothe yourselves, but there is none warm; and he who earns wages, earns wages *just to put* into a bag with holes.
7 This is what Yahweh of Hosts says: Consider your ways!
8 Go up to the mountains, and bring timber, and build the House, so that I may take pleasure in it and be glorified, says Yahweh.
9 You looked for much, but, lo, *it came* to little; and when you brought it home, I blew upon it. Why? says Yahweh of Hosts: Because of My House which *lies* waste, while each man is busy with his own house.

Has not all the world forsaken The House of Yahweh today? Have they not instead built houses (churches) to the name of everything except the Creator?

● **Malakyah 3:6-9—**

6 For I *am* Yahweh, I change not; therefore you sons of Yaaqob are not consumed.
7 Ever since the days of your fathers you have turned away from My Ordinances, and have not kept *them*. Return to Me, and I will return to you! says Yahweh of Hosts. But you said; How will we return?
8 Will a man rob Yahweh? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say; How have we robbed You? In tithes and offerings!
9 You *are* cursed with a curse—*yes,* this whole nation—for you have robbed Me!

Huge amounts of money are lavishly spent on large church buildings today. They bear names of everything except Yahweh. These churches all teach hatred for Yahweh's Name and Laws that were meant to guide us to peace and health. Yet, the preachers hate them and cause many to sin and suffer daily.

Isayah 58:13-14 instructs us in the keeping of the Sabbaths and the blessings that it brings. **Isayah 59:1-3** tells us that Yahweh is Enduring and all Powerful, but it is man who has fallen short and caused Yahweh to hide His Face from him because of his sin.

The Scriptures show that all Israyl forsook Yahweh and turned to Baal worship; that is Lord/God worship, for that is exactly where these titles came from.

The Religions Will Not Repent

The religions lead the world governments and people. So it's left up to the religions to change what they have created. They created sickness, disease and wars when they rebelled against Yahweh's Laws which guide the people away from sickness, disease and war.

The world has not gotten better in the 6,000 years of rebellion by the religions of the world. The world has gotten steadily worse and now we have come to the breaking point of nuclear wars that could, as the Holy Scriptures and even "science" inform us, be the end of all life as we know it on earth.

The Quartet [United States, United Nations, European Union and Russia] was formed out of pure necessity to try to prevent this nuclear holocaust from taking place. It was formed in this generation just as the Prophets foretold. It was formed in the time of the existence of multiple nuclear stockpiles of mass destruction in a time period specified by the Prophets of Yahweh thousands of years earlier.

The Prophets show that the Quartet will not be able to bring peace to the nations, nor will they be able to stop nuclear war. The point is, they were prophesied to try to bring peace in this time period, proving that the Prophecies are true and reliable.

If the religions of this world would just look at these Prophecies and consider the Great Wisdom of Yahweh, Who alone can calculate the future and warn of the dangers if road maps are not followed, I think they would be seeking Yahweh's advice instead of ignoring His Great Wisdom as they are doing now.

Prophecy shows that after a third part of man is killed over a fourth part of the earth the religions will still not repent of the sins that are causing sickness, confusion, hatred and wars.

● **Revelation 9:20-21—**

20 And the rest of the men who were not killed by

these plagues, still did not repent of the works of their hands, that they should not worship demons, and gods (elohim, teraphim) of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which can neither see, nor hear, nor walk;

21 Neither did they repent of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.

They will still be teaching young and old alike that Jesus was Righteous for them so they can continue in breaking the Laws of Yahweh. Some say Jesus, some say Mohammed, but all of them continue in what the Inspired Prophets say is causing today's world problems.

- **Isayah 24:1-6—**

1 Before Yahweh's *very* eyes, the earth is made empty and it is made waste; the face of it is perverted and its inhabitants scattered abroad;

2 And it will be: as with the people, so with the priests; as with the servant, so with his owner; as with the maid, so with her mistress; as with the buyer, so with the seller; as with the lender, so with the borrower; as with him who takes usury, so with him who gives usury to him:

3 The land will be utterly emptied and utterly plundered, for it has come to pass that this Judgment has been pronounced.

4 The earth mourns and fades away, the world mourns and fades away, and the haughty people of the earth languish.

5 The earth also is defiled because of the inhabitants of it, because they have transgressed the Laws, changed the Ordinance, and broken the Everlasting Covenant.

6 Because of this, the curse has devoured the earth, and they who dwell therein are desolate; therefore, the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men left.

Please notice that the rebellious religions are the prophesied cause for the nuclear burning that will take place by June 12, 2007 over a fourth part of the earth and by October 13, 2007 over all nations. Also notice that another Prophecy was fulfilled in prophesying how evil this generation's religions would be.

Obedience Starts With The Keeping Of The Holy Sabbath

We see in **Isayah 59:1-2** that sin cuts you and your preacher off from Yahweh. Keeping the Holy Seventh Day Sabbath shows obedience and puts one in contact with Yahweh.

- **Isayah 58:12-14—**

12 And those of you will rebuild the old waste places; you will raise up the foundations of many generations; and you will be called the Repairer of the Breach, the Restorer of Streets to Dwell In;

13 If you turn away your foot from *breaking* the Sabbath: *from* doing your pleasure; *your own business,* on My Holy Day, and call the Sabbath a delight; the Holy *Day* of Yahweh honorable, and will honor Him *by* not doing your own ways, nor finding your own pleasure, nor engaging in idle conversation:

14 Then you will find your joy in Yahweh; and I will cause you to ride on the high places of the earth, and feed you with the heritage of Yaaqob your father—for the mouth of Yahweh has spoken *it*.

Yes, if you will turn in repentance to Yahweh, willingly converting to keeping Yahweh's Laws, this promise from the Creator, Yahweh, is yours. You will be used, eternally, by Yahweh as shown in **verse 12**. Yahweh is both protecting and completing His Plan. Those who turn to Yahweh in repentance and convert to keeping His Laws will become a permanent part of Yahweh's Family.