

MARK OF THE BEAST

Saturday or Sunday?

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There are some denominations whose doctrines are so plainly and obviously false, man-made, unscriptural and deceptive, that only men and women who are already drunken, intoxicated, and blinded by those false doctrines cannot see it. In this leaflet we will show that religious teaching today by Sabbatarians on the 7th day Sabbath (Saturday), and Sunday (the Lord's Day) worship being the Mark of the Beast, are among some of these man-made, obvious false doctrines.

1. It must be kept in mind that unless certain common-sense rules are kept in mind and observed in studying the Bible, the complete Bible would be confusing, perplexing, impossible to be understood, without meaning, and making sense to no one. For example, we are told in **Hebrews 1:1 –2**, that the means, method, or source by which God spoke to His people of the [ast, and the means by which He is speaking to us today, is different.

Hebrews 1:1-2 *God, who at sundry times(many ways) and in divers manners (different ways) spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son...(KJV)*

Their authority, law, message or command is not ours, and our message, command, law or authority was not theirs.

In addition we are told in **John 1:17** - *For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.(KJV)* and in **Romans 3:20-24**. we are told

that we are saved or justified by grace, “without the law”. Notice, not by the law or by grace and the law, but by grace – **Galatians 3:2,5,12**.

2. It is obvious therefore that in studying the Bible one must always find out, when any instruction, law, command, directive, is given, to whom or for whom was it given or meant. God gave command that an ark should be built. God gave command that a man should offer his son on an altar. God gave command that sheep should be offered on an altar. God gave command that a man should kill the Amalekite adults and children. God gave command that a man should wash himself seven times in the river Jordan. Why are you and I not carrying out or even attempting to carry out these commandments of God today? For me, the reason I am not attempting to carry out any of those commandments of God is the same reason I am not keeping or attempting to keep the 7th day Jewish Sabbath – they were not even given to, or meant for me or for men and women living today under grace or under Christ's administration or under the New Testament system.
3. In **Exodus 31:12-17** and **Nehemiah 9:9-15**, God made it plain beyond any doubt for the seeker to understand to whom and for whom the Sabbath was given. And to make sure that not even an idiot or fool misunderstands for whom the law and the Sabbath given at Sinai was meant, God in **Deuteronomy 4:7-8**, tells us that the law given to the Israelites was given to no other nation. And to make further sure that even an idiot or fool knew and understood that the Sabbath, or the law containing the Sabbath, was given only to the Israelites, and not to other races or other people, again the Almighty God, through the apostle Paul tells us in **Romans 2:14; 9:4**, that the Gentiles (other nations) did not have the law, and that it (the law or the covenant) was given to Israel only. Only a dishonest person or a man or woman not

wanting to see God's truth can miss these facts. Men and women of that sort can never be saved – **2 Thessalonians 2:10-12**.

4. God's people today do not have in fact a religious or 7th day Sabbath. In **Hebrews 4:9,11** we are told that there remains (something to come or not yet received) a rest or Sabbath for God's people, and (**v.11**) that now is the time to work or labour (not the time to rest or to have Sabbath), so that when God's Sabbath or rest comes, we may enter into it.
5. Sunday (the Lord's Day) or the first day of the week, is not a Christian Sabbath or a religious day.

Christian's under God's guidance and direction through the Holy Spirit from the first century, worshipped on this day (first day of the week or the Lord's Day) to commemorate the death, burial and resurrection of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. But Sunday, the first day of the week, or the 8th day in the Jewish calendar as a day of worship, pre-dates or went far before the first century A.D.

One wonders how in the face of Biblical facts and recorded history can men and women who claim to be rational, literate and intelligent, accept and believe the lies and falsehood that it was some Pope who changed Saturday to Sunday worship and that Sunday worship is the Mark of the Beast. Those who make and those who believe these false claims are either illiterate and therefore unable to check out the objective facts (the Bible and history) or they are too blinded and intoxicated with false teachings to see the truth.

To begin with, the first day of the week as a day of worship started hundreds of years before Christ by Jehovah God's own command. The fact is, from the very time God gave the Israelites the 7th- Day Sabbath as a day of rest to remind them of how god lead them out of Egyptian slavery, he also

gave them the first day of the week (known in the Bible as the 8th Day, the first day of the week, the Feast of Weeks, the Day of Pentecost, the Lord's Day and the day after the Sabbath), known to us as Sunday, as a day of worship and reflection.

6. First, in **Leviticus 23:1-22**, we find listed the Jewish Feasts or festivals, beginning with the weekly 7th-Day-Sabbath. All of them were feasts or holy convocations and therefore ceremonial, including the weekly 7th-Day-Sabbath - **Leviticus 23:1-3**. There were **weekly, monthly, bi-yearly and 7th-Yearly** feasts or festivals, all of which were Sabbaths or rest days and all of them were ceremonial. What happens to one happens to all and when one goes all go. They all constituted one collective sign to Israel, reminding them of what God did for them in Egypt – **Ezekiel 20:12,20**.

To highlight and exalt the weekly Sabbath while ignoring the other equal and important parts of the Sabbath sign, is a manifestation of religious ignorance, blindness and dishonesty at its worst. In **Exodus 31:3**, the Almighty God said – “*My sabbaths ye shall keep*”. Notice that He said “*sabbaths*”, more than one, referring to the **weekly, monthly, bi-yearly, yearly and 7th-yearly Sabbaths**. You therefore cannot keep one Sabbath (weekly) and not keep the others. – **Galatians 3:10**.

What is instructive and enlightening is the fact that among the instructions given in **Leviticus 23:1-22** is respect to the different feasts days which were all festivals and Sabbaths. God gave command that after the weekly Sabbath, which was the first day of the week, or Sunday as it is now called, was to be a day of **rest, worship and reflection**. In **Leviticus 23:9-16**, among other things the Almighty God gave commandment to the children of Israel through Moses, for them to celebrate the

Feast of Firstfruits (**v. 10-12**) and the Feast of Weeks which is the Feast of Pentecost (**v. 15-19, Deuteronomy 16:9-10**) as a day of sacrifice(worship), rest and reflection. The fact known to everyone who reads God's word is that both the Feast of Firstfruits and the Feast of Weeks always fell on the day after the weekly Sabbath, on Sunday. God's commandment fixed it that these two feasts were always to fall on and be celebrated on the first day of the week, which is the day after the weekly Sabbath, or the eighth day; it was to be a day of worship (because sacrifices were offered on that day) and a day of rest and reflection. It is difficult for anyone to overlook or twist this truth or this fact; God in reference to this Feast (the Feast of Weeks) said that it was to be the day after the Sabbath (“on the morrow after the Sabbath”). Everyone knows that the day after the Sabbath is Sunday or the first day of the week. In the Bible it is known as **The Day of Pentecost, The Lord's Day, The First Day of the Week and The Feast of Weeks**. It must be remembered that the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2:17) was one of the most important of the Jewish Festivals or Sabbaths, and don't ever forget that all these feast days were Sabbaths or rest days or holy convocations and all of them were ceremonial. What happens to one happens to all. They are all listed in **Leviticus 23:1-22** there is the **Weekly Sabbath, the Passover, the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the Feast of Firstfruits, the Feast of Pentecost** (also called the Feast of Weeks), **the Feast of Wave Loaves, the Feast of Trumpets, the Feast of Tabernacle, and the Day of Atonement**. God having known that on this day, (the day after the Sabbath, or Sunday, or the day of the Day of Pentecost), Christ would be risen from the grave, the Baptism of the Holy Ghost would be given, New Testament Christianity under the period of grace would be preached, the church of Christ which is the

kingdom of God – **Daniel 2:44** would be started, gave commandment to the Israelites hundreds of years before Christ – **Leviticus 23** to the effect that this day (Sunday or the day after the Sabbath) be a day of **worship, rest and reflection**. In the light of all these truths and facts, it takes desperate, blind, deceitful, ungodly men and women to refer to or call the first day of the week worship “Mark of the Beast”, or to say that the Pope changed Saturday to Sunday worship. To so refer to that which God has fixed, ordained and commanded is to manifest a satanic nature.

The first day of the week worship which took place and was recorded in **Acts 20:7 – 8**, was not recorded there by any Pope; there was no Pope then. Giving to Christ's cause is an act of worship; the instruction given in **1 Corinthians 16:1- 2**, for Christians on the first day of the week, when they assemble to worship to give, was not recorded by the Pope but by God's guidance. One of the most glorious days in the history of God's dealing with man is the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ; this took place on a Sunday, not because any Pope wished it so, but because Jehovah Himself fixed it for and on that day. Desperate man-made denomination and false teachers have **Daniel 7:24-25** referring to religious Rome (the Pope) when in fact the prophecy is referring to religious Rome (the Pope) when in fact the prophecy is referring to pagan, political Rome.

How blind and desperate can one become?

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