



## SAVED TO SERVE

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### THE SEAL OF GOD AND THE MARK OF THE BEAST

1. Let us read Revelation 6:12-17 and Revelation 7:1-3
2. What is one of the primary reasons why the destruction of the earth and the Second Coming of Jesus have been delayed? Revelation 7:1-3  
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3. What is the seal of God? Answer: It is the seventh-day Sabbath. Let us confirm that fact by studying how the word "Seal" is used often in the Bible.
4. **Note: In the natural sense, a seal is similar to a stamp that validates or authenticates a document.**
5. Let us read Esther 3:12,13 and discover that once a document is sealed, the writing is to be carried out.
6. **Note: In a spiritual sense, when God seals His people it validates them as His, and they will only obey His words.**
7. **Note: The literal seal that a person, like a notary uses to authenticate a document, has three primary parts, namely, the notary's name, title, and territory.**
- 8a. Look and discover that the seal that is mentioned in Esther chapter three has the same three parts. Name the three primary parts of the seal. Esther 3:12,13  
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- 8b. What were the names of the king's provinces? Esther 1:19  
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9. Since God will seal His people before He returns, and they must have His seal, in order to be saved, where can we find God's seal? Isaiah 8:16  
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- 10a. Which of God's Ten Commandments contains His seal? Which of God's Ten Commandments has the three parts of a seal? Exodus 20:8-11  
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- 10b. **Note: God's seventh-day Sabbath is the seal of God. One of the primary reasons God gave to humanity His seventh-day Sabbath is for us to worship Him.** See Isaiah 66:22,23; Luke 4:16; Acts 13:42-44;
11. Let us analyze the fact that God's people must receive the seal of God, and that it is more than just acknowledging and attending church on the Sabbath day.
- 12a. What is the observing of God's Sabbath a sign of? Ezekiel 20:12  
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- 12b. What should we be sanctified by? What is truth? John 17:17; Psalm 119:142  
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- 12c. What should we understand about the observance of God's Sabbath in connection with sanctification? 1 Thessalonians 5:23,24  
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- 13a. The seal of God has three parts; namely, God's name, God's title, and God's territory.
- 13b. God's name is Jesus Christ: His people must not just profess to be Christians, but live like Christians. See Philippians 2:3-8; Galatians 5:19-23.
- 13c. God's title is creator: His people must not only believe that Jesus created humanity, but that He wants to create in them a clean heart. See Psalm 51:1-19.
- 13d. God's territory is the world and its inhabitants: His people must believe that they are not their own, but have been bought with a price and must therefore glorify God in their bodies and spirits. See 1 Corinthians 6:19,20.
14. What is the experience of the people who are being sealed by Jesus? 2 Timothy 2:19  
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15. What are some of the listed sins that we must confess and forsake, in order to be sealed by the Holy Spirit? Ephesians 4:22-32  
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- 16a. What could no man do once a document was sealed? Esther 8:8  
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- 16b. Once a document is sealed what cannot happen? Daniel 6:17  
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- 16c. What words will Jesus say concerning every person's record, just before He closes probation and returns? Revelation 22:11,12  
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- 16d. **Note: When the Lord Jesus finally seals His people, they will choose not to reverse and return into a life of sin.**

17. What was one of the stated reasons why the Father sealed Jesus? What should we do in order to be sealed? John 6:27

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18a. What is the seal of God also called? Romans 4:11

18b. **Note: Since the seal of God is likened unto righteousness and the ancient ceremony of circumcision, we should study the ancient rite of circumcision to better understand the sealing of God's people.**

19a. What does the ancient ceremony of circumcision represent? Deuteronomy 10:16; Romans 2:28,29; Colossians 2:11

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19b. **Note: The people who are daily putting away the sins in their lives are the ones who are being sealed by God.**

20a. On which day was the male child to be circumcised? Leviticus 12:3; Luke 1:59; Acts 7:8

20b. **Note: According to the numerical order and sequence of the week the eighth (8th) day would be Sunday.**

21a. What happened to Jesus on the 6th day of the week? John 19:30,31

21b. What did Jesus do on the 7th day after His crucifixion? Luke 23:53-56

21c. What did Jesus do on the 8th day, which was the first day of the following week? Luke 24:1

21d. **Note: As we group these experiences in the life of Jesus, what does Paul say that they represent in the life of God's people?** Romans 6:3-7

21e. **Note: The ancient rite of circumcision represents a person dying to self, remaining dead to self, and rising to walk in the newness of life, by the operation and power of God's word. If we are having this experience daily, we are being sealed by God.**

22. Let us read Romans 4:11. The sealing is called righteousness by faith. Here is how the sealing process of God's people begins.

23a. What must a person do, in order to be declared clean and righteous by Jesus? 1 John 1:9; Psalm 32:1-5

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23b. **Note: The sinner must believe that Jesus declares him righteous once he sincerely confesses and forsakes sin. The justified person must now believe that Jesus can keep him from returning into sin. Additionally, the justified person must choose to follow God's words and commune with Jesus daily.** See James 4:7,8; Jude 24; 2 Corinthians 10:3-5

### The Mark of the Beast

24a. What does the prophecy declare regarding God's faithful people, after the warning against the worship of the beast? Revelation 14:9-12

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24b. **Note: The keeping of God's law, on the one hand, and its violation, on the other, will make the distinction between the worshippers of God and the worshippers of the beast.**

25. What is the special characteristic of the beast and of his image? Daniel 7:25

"And Paul styled the same power the "man of sin," who was to exalt himself above God. One prophecy is a complement of the other. **Only by changing God's law could the papacy exalt itself above God;** whoever should understandingly keep the law as thus changed would be giving supreme honor to that power by which the change was made. Such an act of obedience to papal laws would be **a mark of allegiance to the pope in the place of God.** {GC 446.1}

26. Which two of God's Ten Commandments did the Papacy change primarily?

"The papacy has attempted to change the law of God. **The second commandment**, forbidding image worship, has been dropped from the law, and **the fourth commandment** has been so changed as to authorize the observance of **the first instead of the seventh day as the Sabbath.** But papists urge, as a reason for omitting the second commandment, that it is unnecessary, being included in the first, and that they are giving the law exactly as God designed it to be understood. **This cannot be the change foretold by the prophet.** An intentional, deliberate change is presented: "He shall think to change the times and the law." **The change in the fourth commandment exactly fulfills the prophecy. For this the only authority claimed is that of the church.** Here the papal power openly sets itself above God. {GC 446.2}

27. How are God's faithful people distinguished from the people who have the mark?

"While the worshipers of God will be especially distinguished by their regard for the fourth commandment,--since this is the sign of His creative power and the witness to His claim upon man's reverence and homage,--the worshipers of the beast will be distinguished by their efforts to tear down the Creator's memorial, to exalt the institution of Rome. {GC 446.3}

28. It is a well known fact that all throughout the reign of the Papacy from 538 to 1798, she persecuted Christians who honored God's Sabbath and rejected Sunday observance. Which day does the Bible call the Lord's day? Mark 2:27,28; Isaiah 58:13

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29. What words of Jesus disprove the claim by church leaders that Jesus changed the Sabbath to Sunday? Matthew 5:17,18

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30. What is a well-known fact?

"It is a fact generally admitted by Protestants that the Scriptures give no authority for the change of the Sabbath. This is plainly stated in publications issued by the American Tract Society and the American Sunday School Union. One of these works acknowledges "the complete silence of the New Testament so far as any explicit command for the Sabbath [Sunday, the first day of the week] or definite rules for its observance are concerned."--George Elliott, *The Abiding Sabbath*, page 184. {GC 447.2}

Another says: "Up to the time of Christ's death, no change had been made in the day;" and, "so far as the record shows, they [the apostles] did not . . . give any explicit command enjoining the abandonment of the seventh-day Sabbath, and its observance on the first day of the week."--A. E. Waffle, *The Lord's Day*, pages 186-188. {GC 447.3}

31. What is another well-known fact? What then is the mark of the beast?

"Roman Catholics acknowledge that the change of the Sabbath was made by their church, and declare that Protestants by observing the Sunday are recognizing her power. In the Catholic Catechism of Christian Religion, in answer to a question as to the day to be observed in obedience to the fourth commandment, this statement is made: "During the old law, Saturday was the day sanctified; but the church, instructed by Jesus Christ, and directed by the Spirit of God, has substituted Sunday for Saturday; so now we sanctify the first, not the seventh day. Sunday means, and now is, the day of the Lord." {GC 447.4}

As the sign of the authority of the Catholic Church, papist writers cite "the very act of changing the Sabbath into Sunday, which Protestants allow of; . . . because by keeping Sunday, they acknowledge the church's power to ordain feasts, and to command them under sin."--Henry Tuberville, *An Abridgment of the Christian Doctrine*, page 58. What then is the change of the Sabbath, but the sign, or mark, of the authority of the Roman Church--"the mark of the beast"? {GC 448.1}

32. When the Protestant Churches accept the first day of the week and reject the Bible Sabbath what do they acknowledge; also what do they ignore? Matthew 4:4

"The Roman Church has not relinquished her claim to supremacy; and when the world and the Protestant churches accept a sabbath of her creating, while they reject the Bible Sabbath, they virtually admit this assumption. They may claim the authority of tradition and of the Fathers for the change; but in so doing they ignore the very principle which separates them from Rome--that "the Bible, and the Bible only, is the religion of Protestants." The papist can see that they are deceiving themselves, willingly closing their eyes to the facts in the case. As the movement for Sunday enforcement gains favor, he rejoices, feeling assured that it will eventually bring the whole Protestant world under the banner of Rome." {GC 448.2}

33. When will people officially receive the Mark of the Beast?

"But Christians of past generations observed the Sunday, supposing that in so doing they were keeping the Bible Sabbath; and there are now true Christians in every church, not excepting the Roman Catholic communion, who honestly believe that Sunday is the Sabbath of divine appointment. God accepts their sincerity of purpose and their integrity before Him. But when Sunday observance shall be enforced by law, and the world shall be enlightened concerning the obligation of the true Sabbath, then whoever shall transgress the command of God, to obey a precept which has no higher authority than that of Rome, will thereby honor popery above God. He is paying homage to Rome and to the power which enforces the institution ordained by Rome. He is worshiping the beast and his image. As men then reject the institution which God has declared to be the sign of His authority, and honor in its stead that which Rome has chosen as the token of her supremacy, they will thereby accept the sign of allegiance to Rome--"the mark of the beast." And it is not until the issue is thus plainly set before the people, and they are brought to choose between the commandments of God and the commandments of men, that those who continue in transgression will receive "the mark of the beast." {GC 449.1}