

her mistress; as with the buyer, so with the seller; as with the lender, so with the borrower; as with the taker of usury, so with the giver of usury to him.

24:3 The land shall be utterly emptied, and utterly spoiled: for the LORD hath spoken this word.

24:4 The earth mourneth [and] fadeth away, the world languisheth [and] fadeth away, the haughty people of the earth do languish.

24:5 The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant.

24:6 Therefore hath the curse devoured the earth, and they that dwell therein are desolate: therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men left.

Let us examine verse five (5).

“The earth is defiled under the inhabitants thereof”, because they have:

1. Transgressed the laws (Torah)
2. Changed the ordinance (statute) the fourth commandment
3. Broken the everlasting covenant.

The question one may ask at this point is what is the everlasting covenant? Well it is the fourth commandment, which speaks of Sabbath keeping. Let us look now in the scriptures for the evidence that the everlasting covenant is the Sabbath.

Exodus 31:16 *“Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations, [for] a perpetual covenant.”*

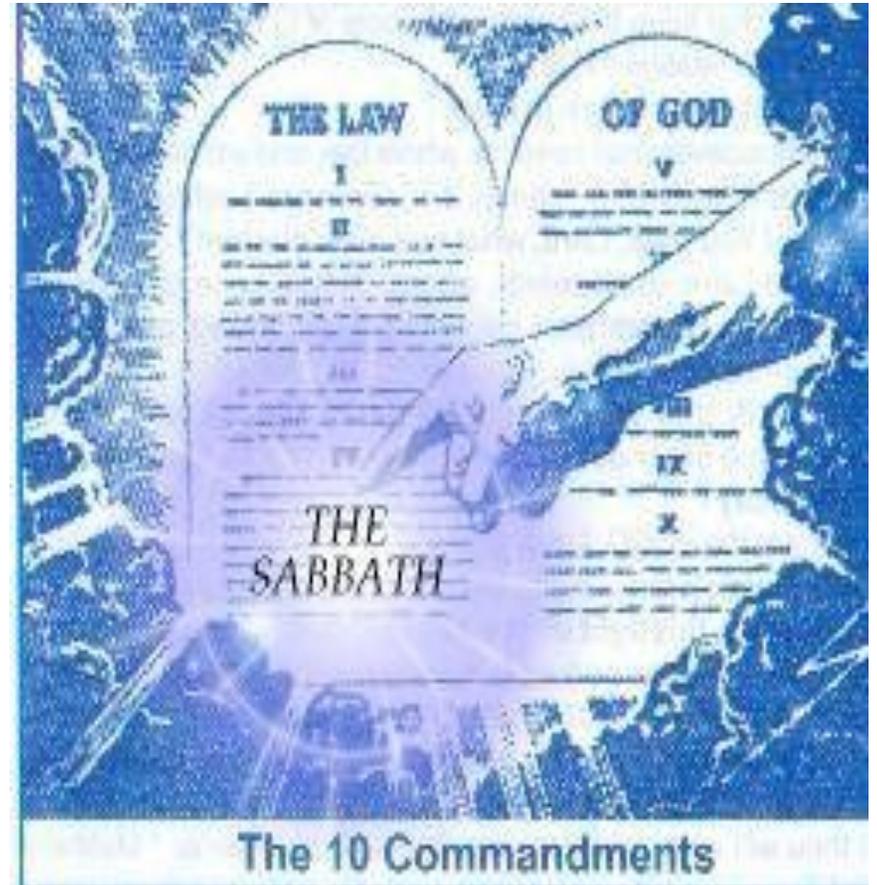
The Hebrew word for perpetual is “Owlam, O-lawm and which means: always, continuance, eternal, for everlasting, without end. **The New Strong’s Exhaustive concordance of the Bible. James Strong, LLD.,S.T.D.**

The truth is, the everlasting covenant of God is the keeping of the fourth commandment which is the seventh day Sabbath.

Paul in the book of Hebrews shows that God’s people will be keepers of the Sabbath. *“There remaineth therefore a rest (sabatismos-Sabbath keeping) to the people of God.”* Hebrews 4:9. You must therefore repent of your sins, (which is the transgression of the law of God) and let God justify you (which is to make you righteous) by His faith through which he gives you His righteousness in your heart bringing you into obedience to his laws including the seventh day Sabbath that you may escape for thy life from the destruction soon to come in Jesus holy name amen. (See Romans 5:19, Romans 4:5 with Romans 3:22 and Romans 3:30,31.)



PROPHECIES CONCERNING THE SEVENTH-DAY SABBATH



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Many believe that Jesus Christ is responsible for the change of the seventh day Sabbath of the Lord, to the first day of the week as a sign of his resurrection. They hold this error dear to their heart as if it is the gospel truth.

However, we are told that, "All scripture is given by the inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." 2 Timothy 3:16, 17. Therefore we will search the scriptures to be corrected concerning the issue of Sabbath keeping or Sunday keeping.

Prophecies were foretold by prophets of old concerning the future of the seventh day Sabbath, of how it will be changed by man. We will turn our attention to the prophecy given to Daniel.

In Daniel Chapter 7 and verse 27, Daniel was given a vision concerning a power that will think to change times and laws. We will examine what this means.

"And he shall speak great words against the Most High, and shall wear out the saints of the Most High, and think to change times and laws..." Daniel 7:27

Times and laws are being referred to as being changed, by this power, by examining the ten Commandment law of God, from the ten (10) points therein, the only law that refers to time in the Decalogue is the fourth commandment—the Sabbath command. Exodus 20: 8-11.

"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day [is] the Sabbath of the LORD thy God: [in it] thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that [is] within thy gates: 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."

Days are here referred to as "a unit of time. In common usage, it is an interval equal to 24 hours." "Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia". So when Daniel was told in vision of a power that will think to change times, the time here referred to is specific to the day of worship, the Sabbath day.

Evidence of this fact has been recorded in history, where the Catholic church boast of changing the Sabbath. Here are a few quotations of their boasting of this change.

Stephen Keenan, Catholic—Doctrinal Catechism 3rd Edition: 174:

Question: Have you any other way of proving 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 1st day of the week, for the observance of Saturday the 7th day, a change for which there is no Scriptural authority.

The Convert's Catechism of Catholic Doctrine (19Chancellor Albert Smith for Cardinal of Baltimore Archdiocese, letter dated February 10, 1920:

If Protestants would follow the Bible, they should worship God on the Sabbath day by God is Saturday. In keeping the Sunday, they are following a law of the Catholic Church.

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Q. Which is the Sabbath day?

A. Saturday is the Sabbath day.

Q. Why Do we observe Sunday instead of Saturday?

A. We observe Sunday instead of Saturday because the Catholic Church transferred the solemnity from Saturday to Sunday.

So clearly it is seen that Jesus Christ is not responsible for the change of the day of worship from the seventh day to the first day of the week.

There are also other prophecies concerning the Sabbath in the Holy Scriptures, how it will be restored, when the sanctuary is opened in heaven Revelation 11:19 etc. However, I will share with you the prophesy of Isaiah, given to him by God.

It was revealed to the prophet Isaiah the coming destruction of the world. In Isaiah chapter 24, the destruction is being seen as well as the cause of the destruction. You will observe that this destruction is in relation to the seventh day Sabbath.

Isaiah Chapter 24:1-6

24:1 ***Behold, the LORD maketh the earth empty, and maketh it waste, and turneth it upside down, and scattereth abroad the inhabitants thereof.***

24:2 ***And it shall be, as with the people, so with the priest; as with the servant, so with his master; as with the maid, so with***