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The Remnant and its Mission

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Revelation 12:17 And the **dragon** was **wroth** with the **woman**, and went to make **war** with the **remnant** of her seed, which keep the **commandments** of God, and have the **testimony** of **Jesus** Christ.

Bible Study Summary Introduction Statement

The universal church is composed of all who truly believe in Christ, but in the last days, a time of widespread apostasy, a remnant has been called out to keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. This remnant announces the arrival of the judgment hour, proclaims salvation through Christ, and heralds the approach of His second advent. This proclamation is symbolized by the three angels of Revelation 14; it coincides with the work of judgment in heaven and results in a work of repentance and reform on earth. Every believer is called to have a personal part in this worldwide witness.

BIBLE STUDY

The Harlot Woman or Beast is called “Babylon the Mother Church” which is the very claim of the Roman Catholic Church

Who is the mother church of Babylon?

Revelation 17:4 And the **woman** was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of **abominations** and filthiness of her fornication:

Revelation 17:5 And upon her **forehead** *was* a name written, MYSTERY, **BABYLON** THE GREAT, THE **MOTHER** OF HARLOTS AND **ABOMINATIONS** OF THE EARTH.

The following quotes show the claims of the Roman Catholic Church as being the mother of all Churches:

III. ADDITIONAL ARTICLES AND SOLEMN PLEDGES (1564).

I acknowledge the holy Catholic Apostolic Roman Church as the mother and mistress of all churches, and I promise and swear (*σπονδεο αχ φυρο*) true obedience to the Bishop of Rome, as the successor of St. Peter, prince of the Apostles, and as the vicar of Jesus Christ.

Catholic Church, Roman—Creed Subscribed To by Converts (Creed of Pope Pius IV, or Profession of the Tridentine Faith)

SOURCE: **Double bull of Pope Pius IV, Nov. 13 and Dec. 9, 1564, trans. in Philip Schaff, *The Creeds of Christendom* (New York: Harper, 1919), Vol. 1, pp. 98, 99.**

No one, relying on his own skill, shall,—in matters of faith, and of morals pertaining to the edification of Christian doctrine,—**wresting the sacred Scripture to his own senses, presume to interpret the said sacred Scripture contrary to that sense which holy mother Church**,—whose it is to judge of the true sense and interpretation of the holy Scriptures,—hath held and doth hold; or even contrary to the unanimous consent of the Fathers.

Council of Trent, Session IV (April 8, 1546), Decree Concerning the Canonical Scriptures.
Trans. In Philip Schaff, *The Creeds of Christendom* (4th ed., rev.; New York: Harper 1919), Vol. 2 p. 83.

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Revelation 13:12 And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first **beast**, whose deadly wound was healed.

Revelation 13:15 And he had power to give life unto the image of the **beast**, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.

Revelation 13:16 And he causeth **all**, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to **receive** a **mark** in their right hand, or in their foreheads:

Revelation 13:17 And that no man might **buy** or **sell**, save he that had the **mark**, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

2 Timothy 3:16 **All** scripture *is* given by **inspiration** of **God**, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

John 5:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my **word**, and **believeth** on him that sent me, hath everlasting **life**, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

John 17:17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy **word** is **truth**.

Isaiah 8:20 To the **law** and to the **testimony**: if they speak not according to this **word**, *it is* because *there is* **no** light in them.

The Church is above the Bible; and this transference of Sabbath observance from Saturday to Sunday is proof positive of that fact. Saturday, September 1st, 1923 edition of *The Catholic Record* of London, Ontario, Canada, Volume XLV, #2342

“Of course the Catholic Church claims that the change is her act. And the act is the mark of her ecclesiastical power and authority in religious matters” Thomas H.F., Chancellor of Cardinal Gibbons, in answer to a letter regarding the change of the Sabbath.

When does the Roman Catholic Church claim that it changed the Sabbath from Saturday the 7th day of the week to Sunday the 1st day of the week? How did the Bible predict this would happen?

Daniel 7:25 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**: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.

2 Thessalonians 2:2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the **day** of **Christ** is at hand.

2 Thessalonians 2:3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for *that day shall not come*, except there come a **falling** away **first**, and that **man** of **sin** be revealed, the son of perdition;

1 John 3:4 Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for **sin** is the **transgression** of the **law**.

“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, in the Council of Laodicea (A.D. 364), transferred the solemnity from Saturday to Sunday.” Peter Geiermann, C.S.S.R., *The Convert’s Catechism of Catholic Doctrine*, p. 50, 3rd edition, 1957.**

Comparison with the Seal of God and the Mark of the Beast

Where is the Sabbath Seal of God placed?

Revelation 7:1 And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree.

Revelation 7:2 And I saw another **angel** ascending from the east, **having** the **seal** of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea,

Revelation 7:3 Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, **till** we have **sealed** the **servants** of our God in their **foreheads**.

What is another Biblical term for seal?

Romans 4:11 And he received the **sign** of circumcision, a **seal** of the righteousness of the faith which *he had yet* being uncircumcised: that he might be the father of all them that believe, though they be not circumcised; that righteousness might be imputed unto them also:

Where was the law which contains the Sabbath Seal or Sign to be placed in the Old Testament Times?

Deuteronomy 6:1 Now these *are* the **commandments**, the statutes, and the judgments, which the LORD your God commanded to teach you, that ye might do *them* in the land whither ye go to possess it:

Deuteronomy 6:2 That thou mightest fear the LORD thy God, to keep all his statutes and his **commandments**, which I command thee, thou, and thy son, and thy son's son, all the days of thy life; and that thy days may be prolonged.

Deuteronomy 6:3 Hear therefore, O Israel, and **observe** to **do** *it*; that it may be well with thee, and that ye may increase mightily, as the LORD God of thy fathers hath promised thee, in the land that floweth with milk and honey.

Deuteronomy 6:4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God *is* one LORD:

Deuteronomy 6:5 And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

Deuteronomy 6:6 And these words, which I **command** thee this day, shall be in thine heart:

Deuteronomy 6:7 And thou shalt **teach** them **diligently** unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

Deuteronomy 6:8 And thou shalt bind them for a **sign** upon thine **hand**, and they shall be as **frontlets** between thine **eyes**.

Exodus 31:13 Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily my **sabbaths** ye shall keep: for it *is* a **sign** between me and you throughout your generations; that *ye* may know that I *am* the LORD that doth sanctify you.

Deuteronomy 11:8 Therefore shall ye **keep** all the **commandments** which I command you this day, that ye may be strong, and go in and possess the land, whither ye go to possess it;

Deuteronomy 11:13 And it shall come to pass, if ye shall hearken diligently unto my **commandments** which I command you this day, to love the LORD your God, and to serve him with all your **heart** and with all your **soul**,

Deuteronomy 11:18 Therefore shall ye lay up **these** my **words** in your **heart** and in your **soul**, and bind them for a **sign** upon your **hand**, that they may be as **frontlets** between your **eyes**.

Deuteronomy 11:19 And ye shall **teach** them your **children**, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

Deuteronomy 11:20 And thou shalt **write** them upon the door **posts** of thine **house**, and upon thy gates:

Exodus 13:9 And it shall be for a **sign** unto thee upon thine **hand**, and for a memorial **between** thine **eyes**, that the LORD'S **law** may be in thy mouth: for with a strong hand hath the LORD brought thee out of Egypt.

What is the Ten Commandment Law of God based on?

Matthew 22:36 Master, which *is* the great **commandment** in the **law**?

Matthew 22:37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt **love** the Lord thy **God** with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

Matthew 22:38 This is the first and great commandment.

Matthew 22:39 And the second *is* like unto it, Thou shalt **love** thy **neighbour** as thyself.

Matthew 22:40 On these **two** commandments **hang** all the **law** and the prophets.

How does Paul show us how love is the motive for keeping the Ten Commandments?

Romans 13:8 Owe no man any thing, but to **love** one another: for he that loveth another hath **fulfilled** the **law**.

Romans 13:9 For this, Thou shalt not commit **adultery**, Thou shalt not **kill**, Thou shalt not **steal**, Thou shalt not bear **false** witness, Thou shalt not **covet**; and if *there be* any other **commandment**, it is briefly **comprehended** in this saying, namely, Thou shalt **love** thy neighbour as thyself.

Romans 13:10 Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore **love** *is* the **fulfilling** of the **law**.

How does Solomon describe in a beautiful love story how that “loving God with all our hearts” is a “seal on the heart”?

Song of Solomon 8:4 I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem, that ye stir not up, nor awake *my* **love**, until he please.

Song of Solomon 8:5 Who *is* this that cometh up from the wilderness, leaning upon her **beloved**? I raised thee up under the apple tree: there thy mother brought thee forth: there she brought thee forth *that* bare thee.

Song of Solomon 8:6 Set me as a **seal** upon thine **heart**, as a **seal** upon thine **arm**: for **love** *is* strong as death; jealousy *is* cruel as the grave: the coals thereof *are* coals of fire, *which hath* a most vehement flame.

Song of Solomon 8:7 Many waters **cannot** quench **love**, neither can the floods drown it: if *a* man would give all the substance of his house for **love**, it would utterly be contemned.

What is another Biblical term for a seal or sign in the forehead?

Ezekiel 9:4 And the LORD said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a **mark** upon the **foreheads** of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof.

What counterfeit of the Seal of God's Ten Commandment Law does Satan try to impose on all who dwell on the earth?

Revelation 13:11 And I beheld **another** beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.

Revelation 13:12 And he exerciseth **all** the **power** of the first **beast** before him, and **causeth** the **earth** and them which dwell therein to **worship** the first **beast**, whose deadly **wound** was **healed**.

Revelation 13:13 And he **doeth** great **wonders**, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men,

Revelation 13:14 And **deceiveth** them that dwell on the **earth** by *the means of* those **miracles** which he had power to do in the **sight** of the **beast**; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an **image** to the **beast**, which had the **wound** by a sword, and did **live**.

Revelation 13:15 And he had **power** to give life unto the **image** of the **beast**, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not **worship** the image of the beast should be **killed**.

Revelation 13:16 And he causeth **all**, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a **mark** in their right **hand**, or in their **foreheads**:

Revelation 13:17 And that **no** man might **buy** or **sell**, save he that had the **mark**, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

What is another name for the image of the beast the second member of the Babylonian Trinity?

Revelation 19:19 And I saw the **beast**, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.

Revelation 19:20 And the beast was taken, and with him the false **prophet** that wrought **miracles** before him, with which he **deceived** them that had received the **mark** of the beast, and them that **worshipped** his **image**. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.

Revelation 16:13 And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs *come* out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the **beast**, and out of the mouth of the false **prophet**.

Would you like to receive the seal of God showing your love for Jesus who gave His life to strengthen us against receiving the mark of the beast? Yes

RESEARCH QUESTIONS

What is the name written on the forehead of the women clothed in purple and scarlet colour? Revelation 17:5? MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

Which is by far the greatest and largest of all Christian churches in the world that claims to be the mother of all other churches? The Roman Catholic Church

How does the Roman Catholic Church describe her role as the mother church? I acknowledge the holy Catholic Apostolic Roman Church as the mother and mistress of all churches, and I promise and swear (*σπονδεο αχ φυρο*) true obedience to the Bishop of Rome, as the successor of St. Peter, prince of the Apostles, and as the vicar of Jesus Christ.

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What does the Bible say that the beast will compel all to receive in their forehead or their right hand Revelation 13:16? **A mark**

What does the Roman Catholic Church in her official writings claim is the mark of their power and authority in religious matters? “Of course the Catholic Church claims that the change is her act. And the act is the mark of her ecclesiastical power and authority in religious matters” Thomas H.F., Chancellor of Cardinal Gibbons, in answer to a letter regarding the change of the Sabbath.

What does the Roman Catholic Church claim in regard to the Bible and their change of the Sabbath from Saturday to Sunday? **The Church is above the Bible; and this transference of Sabbath observance from Saturday to Sunday is proof positive of that fact. Saturday, September 1st, 1923 edition of *The Catholic Record* of London, Ontario, Canada, Volume XLV, #2342**

How much of the Bible is inspired by God? **All**

What did Jesus call the Word of God? **Truth**

What does the Bible tell us about those who do not speak according to everything written in the law and the testimony which is another term for the Bible? **There is no light in them**

If we hear and believe God’s Word what did Jesus say we would receive? **Eternal life**

In Daniel 7:25 what was predicted of the little horn thinking he would do to God’s times and laws which includes the Ten Commandments? **He would think to change them**

Which church claims that they have changed God’s law by changing the Sabbath day from Saturday to Sunday? **The Roman Catholic Church**

What does the Bible say transgressing or breaking the law is? **Sin**

What did Paul say to the Thessalonians would happen to the truth and who would be responsible for this? **There would be a falling away from the truth. The man of sin or perdition which means destruction.**

Where will the angel of Revelation 7:1-4 seal God’s people? **In the foreheads**

What is another Biblical term for seal found in Romans 4:11? **Sign**

Where was God's law including the Seventh-day Sabbath placed in the Old Testament times? **Between the eyes or in other words the forehead and on the hand.**

What does Deuteronomy 6:1-8 say is to be the seal or sign in our forehead? **The Commandments**

Which Commandment in particular does Exodus 31:13 say is the seal or sign that we know the Lord and that He sanctifies us? **The Sabbath**

How many of the Commandments do Deuteronomy 11:8, 18 say that we should keep to receive the sign or seal of God in our foreheads? **All**

In Exodus 13:9 what is another Biblical name for the commandments that is to be placed in our foreheads or on our hands? **The Lord's law**

What two commandments are all of the Ten Commandments based on? **To love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind and to love thy neighbour as thyself.**

What is the great motivation for keeping the commandments or law of God? **Love**

What commandments will those who fulfill the law of God be keeping? **The Ten Commandments**

What does the Song Solomon 8:4-7 tell us is the great power and motivating desire in receiving the seal or sign of God on our foreheads? **Love**

What is a third term found in Ezekiel that also stands for a seal or sign found in the forehead? **Mark**

Where is the seal or mark of the beast placed on those that worship the beast and his image by following Sunday Sacredness? **In the forehead or the right hand**

How will the beast power try to force all the world to receive the mark of the beast or Sunday Sacredness? **None will be able to buy or sell unless they receive the mark of the beast.**

What is another name of the image of the beast power in the Babylonian trinity according to Revelation 19:18, 20; 16:13? **The false prophet**