The Sabbath written in Heaven on Sapphire

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The New Covenant priestly ministry of Jesus in the Sanctuary in Heaven

The next few verses teach the reality of the New Covenant ministry of Jesus in the temple in heaven. Christ is the High Priest and he performs the same role as the Ancient Hebrew priest did in the Old Covenant temple in Israel.

Hebrews 8:4-5□ "If he were on earth, he [Jesus] would not be a priest, for there are already [Hebrew] priests who offer the gifts prescribed by the law. [5] They serve at a <u>sanctuary that is a copy and shadow of what is in heaven</u>. This is why Moses was warned when he was about to build the tabernacle: "See to it that you make everything according to the pattern shown you on the mountain." NIV

Hebrews 9:11-12□ 'But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things to come, He entered through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation; [12] and not through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, He entered the holy place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption." NASB1995

Hebrews 9:24□ "For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made with hands – <u>the representation of the true sanctuary</u> – but into heaven itself, and he appears now in God's presence for us." NET.

Revelation 11:19 "Then the temple of God in heaven was opened and the ark of his covenant was visible within his temple. And there were flashes of lightning, roaring, crashes of thunder, an earthquake, and a great hailstorm." NET.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS WRITTEN IN HEAVEN!

The ark of the covenant is in the new covenant temple in heaven that contains the ten commandments.

Revelation 15:5-6 **EAfter these things I looked, and the temple of the <u>tabernacle of testimony in heaven</u> was opened, 6 and the seven angels who had the seven plagues came out of the temple, clothed in linen, clean *and* bright, and girded around their chests with golden sashes." NASB

'After these things'. That is after John had seen the Gods people victorious over the beast standing on the sea of glass. John sees the tabernacle of the testimony opened in heaven. This temple is the New Covenant heavenly sanctuary where Jesus is the High Priest (Heb 8:1-5) and it is called the tabernacle of the testimony. So what is the "Testimony" that is in heaven? We are not left to guess because the bible tells us. When Moses was on Mt Sinai God gave him the Testimony/Ten Commandments written on stone tablets. These two tablets of stone were placed in the ark of the covenant. This is the gold covered wooden chest that contained the ten commandments.

Deuteronomy 10:3-4 So I [Moses] made an <u>ark</u> of acacia wood and carved out <u>two stone tablets</u> just like the first ones. Then I went up the mountain with the two tablets in my hands. 4 <u>The Lord then wrote on</u>

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the tablets the same words, the Ten Commandments, which he had spoken to you at the mountain from the middle of the fire at the time of that assembly, and he gave them to me. 5 Then I turned, went down the mountain, and placed the tablets into the ark I had made—they are still there, just as the LORD commanded me." NET

Exodus 31:18. "And when he [God] had made an end of speaking with him [Moses] on Mount Sinai, He gave Moses <u>two tablets of the Testimony</u>, tablets of stone, written with the finger of God." NASB



These verses tell us that "the testimony" is the Ten Commandments. And Rev 15:5 tells us that the Ten Commandments (the testimony) are in heaven in the temple of God where Jesus is the High Priest. Therefore the Ten Commandments along with the Sabbath Commandment have not been abolished but are a part of the new covenant.

According to traditional teachings of <u>Judaism</u> in the <u>Talmud</u>, the stones were made of blue <u>sapphire</u> as a

symbolic reminder of the sky, the heavens, and ultimately of God's *throne*.

Blue Sapphire

Exodus 24:9-10 "Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and the seventy elders of Israel went up, 10 and they saw the God of Israel. Under his feet there was something like a <u>pavement made of sapphire</u>, clear like the sky itself." NET

God himself is seen standing on blue sapphire like the colour of heaven. This colour blue is significant because it represent the Ten Commandments of God as the next passage of scripture shows.

Numbers 15:37-40 "The LORD spoke to Moses: 38 "Speak to the Israelites and tell them to make tassels for themselves on the corners of their garments throughout their generations, and put a **blue** thread on the tassel of the corners. 39 You must have this tassel so that you



may look at it and remember all the commandments of the LORD and obey them and so that you do not follow after your own heart and your own eyes that lead you to unfaithfulness. 40 Thus you will remember and obey all my commandments and be holy to your God." NET

Because the Ten Commandments were written on blue sapphire by the hand of God the colour blue was chosen by God for the Israelites to remember the Law of God. The Israelites were commanded to sew a blue coloured cord on the tassels (Tsitsith) on each corner of their garments as a

reminder of the Ten Commandments of God. Jesus as an obedient Jew wore these blue tassels on the four corners of his garment.

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The word "corner" in Hebrew is *kanaph* and can also be translated as "wing" or "extremity" In the Greek Old Testament, the Hebrew word corner (*kanaph*) is translated Gk: 2899 *kraspedon*; the same word used by Matthew and Luke to describe the Tassels on the Jewish garments to remind them of the law of God. (cf. Matthew 23:5).

The unclean woman who grabbed the tassel on the robe of Jesus.



Luke 8:42-48 "While He was going, the crowds were nearly crushing Him. 43 A woman suffering from bleeding for 12 years, who had spent all she had on doctors yet could not be healed by any, 44 approached from behind and touched the tassel of His robe. Instantly her bleeding stopped. 45 "Who touched Me?" Jesus asked. When they all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the crowds are hemming You in and pressing against You." 46 "Someone did touch Me," said Jesus. "I know that power has gone out from Me." 47 When the woman saw that she was discovered, she came trembling and fell

down before Him. In the presence of all the people, she declared the reason she had touched Him and how she was instantly cured. 48 "Daughter," He said to her, "your faith has made you well. Go in peace." HCSB

Why does Jesus credit the woman with an exercise of faith for touching the tassels of his clothing? The answer could be because of a messianic prophecy in Malachi that stated,

Malachi 4:2 "But for you who fear My name, the sun of righteousness will rise with <u>healing in its wings</u>... NASB1995 Wings [Heb. *kanaph*, corners where the tassels or *tsitsith* were sewn]..."

This poor woman recognised Jesus as the Messiah, the sun of righteousness. Possibly remembering the prophecy in Malachi that the tassels on the corners or wings of the messiahs clothing contain healing she saw this as her last chance. In a desperate attempt to be healed she makes her way through the crowd and on her knees grabs hold of the blue tassels signifying the law of God that are on the corners (wings) of Jesus' garment. The Holy Spirit healed her immediately. One of the reasons this event was recorded was to indicate that for a person of faith the Holy Spirit of God that heals sickness and sin works through the law of God not in opposition to it. The Ten commandments without the Holy Spirit are useless.

Healing at Gennesaret

Mark 6:53 "When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and beached the boat. 54 As they got out of the boat, people immediately recognized Him. 55 They hurried throughout that vicinity and began to carry the sick on mats to wherever they heard He was. 56 Wherever He would go, into villages, towns, or the country, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and begged Him that they might touch just the tassel of His robe. And everyone who touched it was made well." HCSB

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The Hebrew priesthood wore specially made garments that consisted of the colours gold, BLUE, purple and scarlet.

Exodus 28:4-6 "They are to make holy garments for your brother Aaron and for his sons, that they may minister as <u>MY PRIESTS</u>. 5 The artisans are to use the <u>gold</u>, <u>blue</u>, <u>purple</u>, <u>scarlet</u>, and fine linen 6 "They are to make the ephod of gold, blue, purple, scarlet, and fine twisted linen, the work of an artistic designer. NET

Note that the colour <u>blue</u> worn by the Priesthood was to be as a memorial of the commandments of God. Yet when we come to the Harlot of Revelation the false state/church called Babylon the Great she blasphemously appropriates the colours of the Hebrew priesthood for herself with one notable exception.

Revelation 17:3-5 "So he carried me away in the Spirit to a wilderness, and there I saw a



woman sitting on a scarlet beast that was full of blasphemous names and had seven heads and ten horns. 4 Now the woman was dressed in **purple** and **scarlet** clothing, and adorned with **gold**, precious stones, and pearls. She held in her hand a golden cup filled with detestable things and unclean things from her sexual immorality. 5 On her forehead was written a name, a mystery: "Babylon the Great, the Mother of prostitutes and of the detestable things of the earth. 6 I saw that the woman was drunk with the blood of the saints and the blood of those who

testified to Jesus. I was greatly astounded when I saw her." NET

Hebrew Priests: gold, **blue**, purple, scarlet Babylon the Great: gold, purple, scarlet

Gold, purple and scarlet are the colours of the Harlot. This apostate church that controls the state the colour Blue signifying the Law of God is missing. This indicates that the apostate harlot church end time Babylon has no regard for the law of God. In contrast with her we see God's true church in the blue heaven.

Revelation 12:1; 17 "Then a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun,



and with the moon under her feet, and on her head was a crown of twelve stars....17 So the dragon became enraged at the woman and went away to make war on the rest of her children, those who keep God's commandments and hold to the testimony about Jesus." NET

The pure church is seen in the <u>blue heaven</u> and is said to keep the commandments of God. Its would seem that the battle between the church of God and the church of Satan in the end time is a battle over the law of God. Specifically the first four commandments of the Ten that are about worshiping God.

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