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ANTICHRIST'S & HISTORY'S GREATEST RELIGIOUS COVER-UP!

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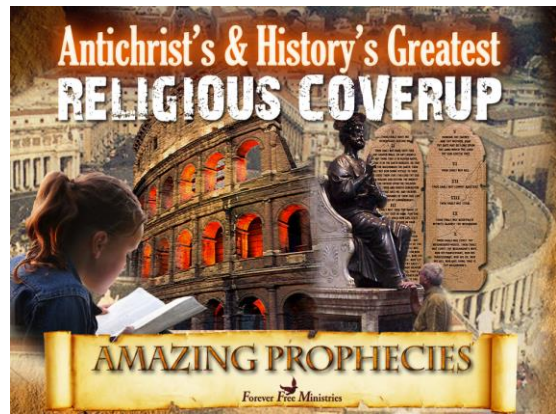
The Ten Commandments of God have been continually attacked by the enemy of our souls. In this Bible study you will learn about the importance of the fourth commandment as it has come under fierce attack down through the centuries. Now it is time to learn the "rest of the story."

The prophetic book of Daniel is the book that reveals an apostate religious power symbolized by a talking little horn that would attack God's Ten Commandments, especially the fourth one.

So in Daniel 7 we see four strange beasts. What does a BEAST symbolize in Bible Prophecy?

"The fourth beast shall be a fourth kingdom on earth" Daniel 7:23. Here we have the dramatic rise and fall of four successive world empires:

- **Lion - Babylon (Daniel 7:4)**
- **Bear - Medo-Persia (Daniel 7:5)**
- **Leopard – Greece (Daniel 7:6)**
- **Ten Horned beast – Rome (Daniel 7:7)**



Profile of The Little Horn Power

"I was considering the horns, and there was another horn, a little one, coming up among them, before whom three of the first horns were plucked out by the roots. And there, in this horn, were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking pompous words." Daniel 7:8 This is the solved case of the bizarre little talking horn. Who is the little horn power? In Daniel 7 we have a catalog of 10 vital clues that will help us to pin down Prophecy's most wanted.

10 PROPHETIC CLUES FROM DANIEL 7 (Irrefutable evidence)

1. Arose out of the fourth beast (Pagan Rome) -- Vs. 7,8.
2. Among the ten horns (ten divisions of Rome) -- Vs. 8.
3. After the ten horns (after the break-up of Rome, or 476 A.D.) -- V. 24.
4. Different from the other horns (religious & political) -- V. 24.
5. A look more stout than his fellows (dominate Europe) -- V. 24.
6. Uproots three kingdoms (Heruli, Vandals, Ostrogoths) -- Vs. 8,20,24.
7. Spoke great words against the Most High (Blasphemy) -- Vs. 25.
8. Wore out the saints of the Most High (persecuting power) -- Vs. 25
9. Thought to change times and laws (modify Ten Commandments) -- Vs. 25.
10. Reigned for a time, times and dividing of time (1260 years) -- Vs. 25.



The only kingdom or power that fits all of these ten characteristics of the little horn in Daniel 7 is the Roman Papal Power.

History confirms: "The transfer of the emperor's residence to Constantinople was a sad blow to the prestige of Rome, "and at the time one might have predicted her speedy decline, but the development of the Church, and the growing authority of the Bishop of Rome, or the pope, gave her a new lease on life, and made her again the capital - this time the religious capital - of the civilized world." Abbot's Roman History, p. 236

CATHOLIC QUOTES ABOUT THE SABBATH

Daniel predicted that the Papal Power would “think to change times and law.” Daniel 7:25
Times and Law is referring to the fourth commandment of God about the Seventh day Sabbath.

The Seventh day Sabbath is the only commandment that has to do with time.

“Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord your God.” See Exodus 20:8-11

Does the Papal Power admit changing the Sabbath from Saturday to Sunday?

“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. 336), transferred the solemnity from Saturday to Sunday.”

Father Peter Geiermann, C.S.S.R., The Convert’s Catechism of Catholic Doctrine, 1957 edition, p. 50.

- Daniel predicted the change.
- The Church admits the change.
- History reveals the change.
- The Bible condemns the change.

What does the Roman Catholic church claim is the sign of its authority?

Sunday is our mark of authority...The church is above the Bible, and this transference of Sabbath observance is proof of that fact. Catholic Record, Sept. 1, 1923

“Of course the Catholic Church claims that the change was her act. It could not have been otherwise, as none in those days would have dreamed of doing anything in matters spiritual and ecclesiastical and religious without her.

And the act is a MARK of her ecclesiastical POWER and AUTHORITY in religious matters.”

H.F. Thomas, Chancellor for the Cardinal, Nov. 11, 1895.

Sunday is the admitted mark of authority of the Papal power.

Does the Pope claim to have the authority to change God’s Law, the Ten Commandments?

The Pope has power to change times, to abrogate laws, and to dispense with all things, even the precepts of Christ.
Decretal De Translat. Espiscop. Cap.

Does the Catholic Church and the Pope desire Sunday Laws to be enforced?

“Christians will naturally strive to ensure that civil legislation respects their duty to keep Sunday holy.” -- Section 67, Dies Domini.

“When, through the centuries she, has made laws concerning Sunday rest, the Church has had in mind above all the work of servants and workers,... it needed greater regulation to lighten its burden and thus enable everyone to keep the Lord’s Day holy. In this matter, my predecessor Pope Leo XIII in his Encyclical Rerum spoke of Sunday rest as a worker’s right which the State must guarantee.” Pope John Paul II, Dies Domini 1998

Have some very prominent and influential Catholics acknowledged that Sunday observance is not in the Bible?

“But since Saturday, not Sunday, is specified in the Bible, isn’t it curious that non-Catholics who profess to take their religion directly from the Bible and not from the Church, observe Sunday instead of Saturday? Yes, of course, it is inconsistent; but this change was made about fifteen centuries before Protestantism was born, and by that time the custom was universally observed.

“They have continued the custom, even though it rests upon the authority of the Catholic Church, and not upon an explicit text in the Bible. That observance remains as a reminder of the Mother Church from which the non-Catholic sects broke away--like a boy running away from home, but still carrying in his pocket a picture of his mother or a lock of her hair.” The Faith of Millions, Rev. John A. O’Brian, 1974, pp. 400-1



What did the late Cardinal Gibbons say about the keeping of Sunday?

"You may read the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, and you will not find a single line authorizing the sanctification of Sunday. The Scriptures enforce the religious observance of Saturday." James Cardinal Gibbons, The Faith of our Father, p. 89.

"Reason and sense demand the acceptance of one or the other of these alternatives: either Protestantism and the keeping holy of Saturday, or Catholicity and the keeping of Sunday. Compromise is impossible." Catholic Mirror Dec. 23, 1893 Cardinal Gibbons

The choice is clear between true Protestantism or Catholicity
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"Perhaps the boldest thing, the most revolutionary change the Church ever did happened in the first century. The holy day, the Sabbath, was changed from Saturday to Sunday...not from any directions noted in the Scriptures,

But from the Church's sense of its own power....People who think that the Scriptures should be the sole authority, should logically become 7th Day Adventists, and keep Saturday holy." Saint Catherine Catholic Church Sentinal, May 21, 1995.

Some say that the Ten Commandments have been changed by God. But the book of Revelation reveals that Jesus is standing by the Ark of the Covenant and His Ten Commandments at the right hand of God.

Jesus stands next to His Ten Commandments. See Revelation 11:19



PRAY ABOUT KEEPING THE SABBATH HOLY

"And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath." Matthew 24:20

- The destruction of Jerusalem occurred in AD 70.
- Therefore almost 40 years after Jesus ascended to heaven Jesus still expected His follower's to keep the Sabbath holy.
- Jesus told the disciples to pray about keeping the Sabbath holy by not having to be preoccupied with running into exile on this day.
- Both winter and the Sabbath continue.
- Jesus made it clear that the Sabbath would continue to be holy.
- Therefore, Jesus did not change the Sabbath.
- The painting above shows that Jesus died for a people that rejected Him and as a result their city was destroyed. This was a type of what will happen when Jesus comes again. The world will soon be destroyed when Jesus comes again.
- Personal Application to our lives: Pray about keeping it holy just like the disciples were to do.



Appeal: "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy" Exodus 20:8-11
Remember: Learning the truth of God's Word depends upon our willingness to make any change or sacrifice in our life to please God.

THE SIGN OF CHRIST'S POWER

"Moreover I also gave them My Sabbaths, to be a sign between them and Me, that they might know that I am the Lord who sanctifies them." Ezekiel 20:12

- God calls the Sabbath, “My Sabbaths.”
- Therefore the Sabbath belongs to the Lord and is thus the Lord’s Day.
- The Sabbath is a special sign of Christ’s power to sanctify or make us holy or save us from sin.
- Christ revealed His power to Create us.
- **Christ reveals His power to make a holy or save us.**
- The Seventh Day Sabbath is a reminder of Christ as our all powerful Savior. Jesus has power to recreate us in His image.



Is God Particular?

- If God tested Adam and Eve over a piece of fruit...
- If God tested Namaan over dipping in the Jordan River 7 times...
- If God tested the three Hebrews over worshipping the 90 foot tall golden image in Babylon or keeping God’s Ten Commandments...
- Then God can test our love to Him over the Ten Commandments. Exodus 20:6
- Then God can test us over keeping the Sabbath holy.
- Some say, “It’s just a day!” The serpent said, “It’s just a piece of harmless fruit.”
- God was particular about Joshua having the Israelites march around Jericho for 7 days.

God is always particular about our obedience.

Jesus healed on the Sabbath.

Jesus said, “It is lawful to do good on the Sabbath day.” Matthew 12:12

- Jesus helped to alleviate suffering and sickness on the Sabbath.
- Jesus example reveals how appropriate it is to have hospitals and nursing homes healing on the Sabbath.
- Jesus was falsely accused as a Sabbath breaker.
- Jesus kept all the Commandments of God.



STOP TRAMPLING ON THE SABBATH!

If you turn away your foot from the Sabbath,
From doing your pleasure on My holy day,
And call the Sabbath a delight,
The holy *day* of the LORD honorable,
And shall honor Him, not doing your own ways,
Nor finding your own pleasure,
Nor speaking *your own words,* Then you shall
delight yourself in the LORD; And I will cause you to
ride on the high hills of the earth,



And feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father. The mouth of the LORD has spoken.”
Isaiah 58:13,14

- ***Working on the Sabbath is trampling on the Sabbath.***
- ***Going to the ball game on the Sabbath is trampling on the Sabbath.***
- ***Buying and selling on the Sabbath is trampling on the Sabbath.***
- ***Going to the flea market on the Sabbath is trampling on the Sabbath.***



CALL THE SABBATH A DELIGHT

DISCOVERING HOW CHRISTIANS CAN ENJOY THE SEVENTH DAY SABBATH

Introduction: In our fast-paced, preoccupied, materialized, secularized society, we desperately need to discover the positive spiritual, physical, mental and emotional benefits of this special gift of God called the SABBATH. Millions around the world are now enjoying this best kept secret. For these believers they have truly discovered THE BEST DAY OF THE WEEK. Jesus says, **“If you love Me, keep My commandments.” John 14:15**

A.GOD COMMANDS US TO NOT WORK ON THE SABBATH. Exodus 20:8-11.

- The fourth commandment says, “Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord your God. In it you shall do no work.” Exodus 20:8-11
- The Seventh day Sabbath is a holy day not a holiday.
- Only God can make a day holy.
- Even if your boss wants you to work, God says do not work on the Sabbath. If your boss wanted you to steal or commit adultery would you do it? Why make an exception with the Lord’s Day by breaking it. Always put God first. Matthew 6:33,34.

B.JESUS HEALED ON THE SABBATH. Matthew 12:1-14.

- “Therefore it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath.”
- Jesus says, “If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love.” John 15:10.
- Relieving suffering and caring for the needy is appropriate on the Sabbath.
- Hospitals and nursing homes are performing the ministry of Christ on the Sabbath as well.

C.THE SABBATH BEGINS FROM SUNSET FRIDAY NIGHT TO SUNSET SATURDAY NIGHT.

- “From evening to evening, you shall celebrate your Sabbath.” Leviticus 23:32; Numbers 13:19; Luke 23:54.
- As the sun is setting on Friday night, have a little vespers or worship to recognize the beginning of this Blessed Lord’s Day and repeat this again at the close of the Sabbath as the sun is setting on Saturday evening. Sunsets are so beautiful to behold.

D. GOD WANTS US TO BE PREPARED TO ENJOY THE SABBATH REST. Exodus 16:1-36.

- For forty years God rained down manna upon the ground every day of the week except the Seventh day. The Israelites were to gather twice as much on the Preparation day or the sixth day of the week and store some of it up for the seventh day. If they tried to keep any extra on any other day it would spoil. “Six days you shall gather it, but on the seventh day, which is the Sabbath, there will be none.” Exodus 16:26.
- Shopping for food or spending lots of time cooking should be done on any other day but the seventh day.
- Friday, the sixth day of the week is the preparation day for the seventh day Sabbath. Exodus 16:23; Luke 23:54. This is the final day for last minute preparation for the blessed Sabbath. For example: Grocery shopping, Cleaners, ironing clothes, vacuuming, dusting the house, washing the car, haircut, mowing the lawn or raking leaves, taking out the garbage, filling up the car with gas, and of course don’t forget the dog or cat food.
- All major cooking should be accomplished before the sacred hours of the Sabbath. Exodus 16:23.
- “Remember the Sabbath” means to keep it in mind during the week and be prepared to enjoy it to the fullest extent. Don’t just stumble into the Sabbath, be ready. “Remember” to schedule secular pursuits on the other six days. For example: Car or home repairs etc.

E. GOD’S WORD MAKES IT CLEAR TO NOT ENGAGE IN BUYING AND SELLING ON THE SEVENTH DAY SABBATH.

Nehemiah 13:15-22.

- Nehemiah “warned” against “selling provisions” “on the Sabbath” because he believed that this was “profaning the Sabbath.” He considered it to be an “evil thing.”
- Secular business is to be shunned on the Lord’s Day.
- For example: Flea market, grocery stores, Mall, hardware stores, Wal-mart etc.

F. GOD’S WORD WARNS US TO CEASE TRAMPLING ON THE SABBATH DAY BY ENGAGING IN SECULAR PURSUITS AND PLEASURES. Isaiah 58:13,14.

- “If you turn away your foot from the Sabbath, From doing your pleasure on My holy day, And call the Sabbath a delight, The holy day of the Lord honorable, And shall honor Him, not going your own ways, Nor finding your own pleasure, Nor speaking your own words, Then you shall delight yourself in the Lord.” Isaiah 58:13,14.
- Examples of what is inappropriate in the Sabbath: Going to the Mall, ball game, circus, flea market, garage sales, watching TV unless it is a Christian or nature program.

G. GOD DESIRES US TO ATTEND CHURCH ON THE BIBLE SABBATH.

- Jesus had a habit of going to church on Saturday or the Sabbath. Luke 4:16
- The Apostles attended church on the Sabbath. Acts 17:2; 18:4
- The Apostle Paul urges believers to not neglect church attendance. Hebrews 10:25.
- God desires to bring His people together in His “house of prayer” on the Sabbath. Isaiah 56:2,7
- Take sermon notes as the Pastor is preaching.
- Carry your Bible to church and look up the Bible texts as the teacher in Sabbath School or the Preacher in his sermon refer to them.

H. A SHORT LIST ON HOW TO ENJOY THE SABBATH.

- Visit someone in the Hospital or nursing home.
- Join a group who sing songs and minister the word to nursing homes.
- Visit someone in jail.
- Visit the lonely and Elderly.
- Study the Bible alone or with others.
- Read a good Christian book. Read the Desire of Ages, by Ellen G. White.
- Take a walk in nature and notice the beauties of creation.
- Take a picnic lunch and go to a park. Try to pay the entrance fee in advance.



- Distribute Christian literature and DVDS.
- Have the kids watch a Bible story on DVD.
- Have a family over for Sabbath dinner. Light the candles on this special Day of the Week.
- Spend extra time in prayer.
- Call or write to a person in need.
- Have the kids play Bible games.
- Invite a youth group over for a Bible study or Bible games.
- Do Bible quizzes and Bible trivia.
- Take a short nap.
- Have a praise time with friends and family.
- Listen to Christian music.
- Study the Sabbath School lesson.
- Invite people over for a good sing along.
- Get involved in some type of outreach ministry.
Take DVDS door to door.
- Memorize Bible promises by writing them down on 3 x 5 cards.
- Go on a nature hike and have the kids identify flowers, trees, birds and animals.
- Share your personal testimony.
- Engage in spiritual conversation.
- Go to some beautiful lake and watch the sun set.



Conclusion: The Sabbath is not an ordinary day but an extraordinary day. Even though this may be new from what you have been previously taught, why not begin this Seventh day to keep the Sabbath holy. Jesus said the “Sabbath was made for man” Mark 2:27,28. It is positive good news. THIS IS THE BEST DAY OF THE WEEK. It is for our good to keep it holy.

People “delight” in an ice cream cone or pumpkin pie. People “delight” in curling up by a fire place on a cold winter night. People “delight” in seeing a loved one they haven’t seen in a long time. Likewise, if we properly observe the Sabbath we will “call the Sabbath a DELIGHT.” Isaiah 58:13,14.

WHAT IF I WORK ON THE SABBATH?

1. Is it all right to work on the 7th Day Sabbath?

- “In it thou shalt not do any work.” Exodus 20:8-11

2. What if my boss wants me to work on the 7th Day Sabbath?

- “We ought to obey God rather than men.” Acts 5:29
- “No man can serve two masters.” Matthew 6:24
- If your boss wants you to steal, kill, commit adultery, bear false witness or break any other of the Ten Commandments besides the Sabbath, you would not do it. Then why make an exception with the fourth commandment? After all, if you break one, you break them all. (see James 2:10)



3. What if I lose my job because of the Seventh Day Sabbath?

- “If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me.” Matthew 16:24
- “Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps.” 1 Peter 1:21
- “Narrow is the way, that leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.” Matthew 7:13

4. How can I be sure that God will give me another job or somehow provide for my needs?

- “God shall supply all your need.” Philippians 4:19

- God may be testing your faith to see if you will truly “Seek ye first the kingdom of God.” Matthew 6:33
- Claim this promise that the righteous will never be “forsaken, nor his seed begging for bread.” Psalms 37:25

5. Will God give me the power to keep the 7th Day Sabbath holy?

- “I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me.” Philippians 4:13
- “His commandments are not grievous.” 1 John 5:3
- “Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths.” Proverbs 3:5,6

6. How soon should I take a stand for the 7th Day Sabbath?

- “I made haste and delayed not to keep thy commandments.” Psalms 119:60
- “As soon as they hear of me, they shall obey me.” Psalms 18:44
- “Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.” James 4:17
- “I run in the path of your commands, for you have set my heart free.” Psalms 119:32

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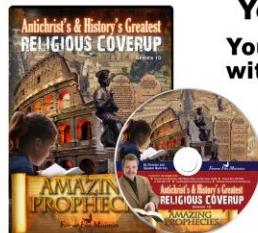
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