

Sabbath Confusion

The Simple Bible Truth about the 7th-day Sabbath

Genesis 2:1-4 And the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. 2 And **on the seventh day God finished his work** which he had made; **and he rested on the seventh day from all his work** which he had made. 3 And **God blessed the seventh day, and hallowed it**; because that in it he rested from all his work which God had created and made. 4 These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that **Jehovah God made earth and heaven**.

Exodus 20:8-11 **Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.** 9 Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work; 10 but **the seventh day is a sabbath unto Jehovah thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work**, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy man-servant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: 11 for **in six days Jehovah made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore Jehovah blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.**

Many more Bible texts about the 7th-day Sabbath =>

- <http://sidnash.org/docs/7thDaySabbath.html>
 - <http://sidnash.org/docs/Hebrews4aboutSabbath.html>
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Sabbath - a Sign/Mark/Seal of Jehovah's Authority

- Exodus 31:13-14 ... Verily ye shall keep my sabbaths: for it is a **sign** between me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that **I am Jehovah who sanctifieth you**. 14 **Ye shall keep the sabbath therefore; for it is holy unto you: every one that profaneth it shall surely be put to death**; for whosoever doeth any work therein, that soul shall be cut off from among his people.
 - Ezekiel 20:12 And I gave them **my sabbath days** of rest as a **sign between them and me** . It was to remind them that **I am Jehovah** , who had set them apart to be holy
 - Revelation 7:2-3 And I saw another angel ascend from the sunrising, having **the seal of the living God**: and he cried with a great voice to the four angels to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, 3 saying, **Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we shall have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.**
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The roots of Sunday Worship

I am not sure when Sunday worship began, but we know that in 150 AD, Justin Martyr wrote, "**On Sunday, we meet to celebrate the Lord's supper and read the Gospels and Sacred Scripture...**"

We also know that, in the year 321, the Roman emperor, Constantine made a new edict known as the Sunday decree (recorded in the Codex Justinianus 3.12.2) => "**All judges and city people and the craftsmen shall rest upon the venerable Day of the Sun...**" This decree was enacted on March 7, 321 AD, and was **based on honoring and esteeming the celestial body, the sun**. The "venerable day of the sun" referred to Sunday.

Prior to this decree, Sunday was already associated with **the pagan Roman sun god Sol Invictus**, who was **the official sun god** of the later Roman Empire and a patron of soldiers. The cult of Sol Invictus was established by Emperor Aurelian in 274 AD and was promoted as **a state religion**. Sol Invictus was often depicted wearing a sun crown and driving a horse-drawn chariot through the sky.

Constantine's decree likely aimed to appease the growing Christian population, as Sunday was already being observed as a Christian festival commemorating the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. **By declaring Sunday a day of rest, Constantine effectively legitimized the Christian observance of Sunday and aligned it**

with the existing pagan Roman sun god. This was the merging of christianity with pagan customs, which began enforcement of the 1st-day sabbath - Sunday worship.

Catholic quotes about Sabbath

- **"Question:** WHAT IS SUNDAY, or the Lord's Day in general?
 - **Answer:** It is **a day dedicated by the Apostles to the HONOUR OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**, and in memory that Christ our Lord arose from the dead upon Sunday, sent down the holy Ghost on a Sunday, &c. and therefore is called the Lord's Day. It is also called Sunday from the old Roman denomination of DIES SOLIS, **THE DAY OF THE SUN, to which it was sacred.**" — (The Douay Catechism of 1649, p. 143)
 - **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."
 - "Most Christians assume that Sunday is the biblically approved day of worship. The Catholic Church protests that it transferred Christian worship from the BIBLICAL SABBATH (SATURDAY) TO SUNDAY, and that **to try to argue that the change was made in the Bible is both dishonest and a denial of Catholic authority. If Protestantism wants to base its teachings only on the Bible, it should worship on Saturday.**" — (Rome's Challenge, www.immaculateheart.com/maryonline, December 2003)
 - **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.
 - Romanists declare that **"the observance of Sunday by the Protestants is an homage they pay, in spite of themselves, to the authority of the [Catholic] Church."**—Mgr. Segur, Plain Talk About the Protestantism of Today, page 213.
 - **"If we consulted the Bible ONLY, we should still have to keep holy the Sabbath Day, that is, Saturday,** with the Jews, instead of Sunday; ..." — A Course in Religion for Catholic High Schools and Academies, by Rev. John Laux M.A., Benzinger Brothers, 1936 edition, Part 1.
 - Three pages of similar quotes here => <http://sidnash.org/docs/SabbathStatementsByTheCatholicChurch.pdf>
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Sunday - RCC Sign/Mark/Seal Of Authority

- **"Sunday is our mark of authority...The church is above the Bible,** and this observance is proof of that fact." (Catholic Record, September 1, 1923)
- In reply to a letter of October 28, 1895, to Cardinal Gibbons, asking if the church claimed the change of the Sabbath as her mark, C. F. Thomas, chancellor of the cardinal, wrote the following: **"Of course the Catholic Church claims that the change was her act, and the act is a mark of her ecclesiastical power."**
- So, **if Sunday Worship is an authoritative mark of the Catholic Church, as they claim,** and if the Roman Catholic Church is the first "beast" of Revelation 13, then Sunday worship is **"the mark of the beast"** =>

- [Revelation 13:15-17](#) It was given to him to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause **as many as wouldn't worship the image of the beast to be killed**. 16 He causes all, the small and the great, the rich and the poor, and the free and the slave, to be given **marks on their right hands or on their foreheads; 17 and that no one would be able to buy or to sell unless he has that mark**, which is the name of the beast or the number of his name.

Mark of the Beast & Seal of the Living God Explained

At a future time, we will study, from the Bible, why the RCC(Roman Catholic Church) is considered to be the first beast of Revelation 13.

By history, we have determined that the RCC rejected the 7-day Sabbath and replaced it with Sunday worship with pagan roots. The RCC did this by "her" "**authority**" - her "**ecclesiastical power**". As a result, she considers Sunday to be a **mark** of her "**ecclesiastical power**" and "**authority**". She also says, "**by keeping Sunday, they acknowledge the church's power**". In other words, those who keep Sunday as a holy day, rather than the 7th-day Sabbath are under the authority of the RCC - **they accept the mark of the RCC "authority"**. And, according to the RCC, those who keep Sunday as sabbath "**HONOUR ... THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**". We will study the origins of the trinity at a future time.

In a similar way, those who keep the 7th-day Sabbath as **a holy day of Jehovah** are under the authority of "the Living God" - Jehovah([Jer10:10](#)) - Christ's Father - ([Jn17:3;Mt16:16](#)) - **they accept the sign/mark/seal of the Creator's Sovereign authority**. Those who keep the 7th-day Sabbath honor "**our Father, which art in Heaven**" - Jehovah - the Creator.

Contextual Prophecy

<< *Until we study the identity of the two beasts of Revelation 13, hopefully next week, let's just assume that the first beast is the RCC and the second beast is the USA.* >>

[Revelation 13:11-14](#) And I saw another beast{USA} coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like unto a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. 12 And he exerciseth all the authority of the first beast{RCC} in his sight. And he maketh the earth and them that dwell therein to worship the first beast{RCC}, whose death-stroke was healed. 13 And he{USA} doeth great signs, that he should even make fire to come down out of heaven upon the earth in the sight of men. 14 And **he{USA} deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by reason of the signs which it was given him to do in the sight of the beast{RCC}; {USA}saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast{RCC}...**

The Greek word translated "**image**" is "**eikōn**" and, according to Strong's Concordance, means " a likeness, i.e. (literally) statue, profile, or (figuratively) representation, resemblance". "**eikōn**" is used 20 times in the new testament and can be seen here => <http://sidnash.org/b/B3h>

Let's look at **a related prophecy** of Jesus =>

[Matthew 24:7-8](#) For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be **famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes**, in divers places. 8 But all these things are the beginning of travail.

The word "**pestilences**" would be like a pandemic, like covid19, and others... The Greek word is "**loimós**" and according to Strong's Concordance, means " a plague (literally, the disease, or figuratively, a pest)" and can be seen here => <http://sidnash.org/b/LDg>

[Matthew 24:9](#) **Then shall they deliver you up unto tribulation{persecution}**, and shall **kill you**: and ye shall be hated of all the nations for my name's sake.

Notice the word "**Then**", starting verse 9. A common definition for "**Then**", is "**At that time**". This would indicate that the reason that they will "**deliver you up unto tribulation**" is because of the "**famines, and**

pestilences, and earthquakes". Why is that?! Maybe it is because they are blaming you, and me, for all those problems. But, why would they do that?!

Remember what happened during the covid "pandemic"? Remember that the minority of people refused to take the vaccine? What happened to them? They were blamed for the continued spread of sickness. They were demeaned and threatened and many lost their jobs.

I think that in the same way, we will be blamed for the "**famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes**", because we refuse to **accept the mark of the RCC "authority"** - the Sunday sabbath. That's why we "shall be hated of all the nations for my{Christ's} name's sake." Notice also that Jesus said that they will "**kill you**". Let's continue in Revelation 13, while considering that the "image" could be Protestantism =>

[Revelation 13:15](#) And he{USA} had power to give life unto the image of the beast{RCC}, that the image of the beast should both **speak**, and **cause** that **as many as would not worship the image{Protestantism} of the beast{RCC} should be killed**.

How does a nation speak? Through its **legislation**.
How does a nation cause? Through its **enforcement**.

So, it appears that [Rev13:15](#) says this => The USA will **legislate** a law that **requires Sunday worship, which pays honors the trinity and its creator - satan through the RCC, while denying the true Creator - Jehovah**. And it will **enforce** that law, with the penalty of death.

However, those who obey this law, will receive the mark of the beast, as seen in =>

[Revelation 13:16-18](#) And he{USA} causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: 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. 18 Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.

Conclusions

Here are the consequences for who accept the mark of the RCC "beast" =>

[Revelation 14:9-11](#) And the third angel followed them, **saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, 10 The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: 11 And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night**, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.

Now, here are the consequences for those who don't accept the mark...

[Revelation 14:12-13](#) Here is the patience of **the saints**: here **are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus**. 13 And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.

As I see it, **we have two choices** =>

1. **Keep the commandments of God** by our faith in Jesus. This honors Jehovah, our Creator, and His Holy 7th-day Sabbath. This leads to eternal life.
2. **Keep the commandments of satan**, by honoring the RCC-made trinity and the RCC-made Sunday sabbath. This leads to eternal death.

Which choice will you choose?

Desiring to live by every word that comes from the mouth of Jehovah ([Deut8:3; Matt4:4](#))

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