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"Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price," Isa. 55:1.

"...freely ye have received, freely give," Mat. 10:8.

Please note:

The true Names of the Creator, Yahweh, and His Son Yahshua the Messiah, are used throughout this booklet, instead of the common but erroneous forms found in most translations of the Holy Scriptures.

These Names are found thousands of times in the Original, Inspired Scriptures, but most translators say they have “followed longstanding tradition” by inserting substitutes such as “LORD” and “GOD” in place of Yahweh’s Name, and the Savior’s True Name has been corrupted by centuries of Greek, Latin, and French influence. For more information, or for additional copies of this booklet, please write to the U. S. address on the preceding page.

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Millions of Christians have followed the tradition of Sunday worship, not even beginning to consider why Sunday became the chosen day over the Sabbath. The history of how Sunday became the accepted day of worship is intriguing to say the least. Though few understand the transition from the Sabbath to Sunday, it is vital to salvation to hold the truth. All who support Sunday worship will be shocked at the findings of this treatise.

By Jerry Healan

Many today falsely believe that the Saviour was a rebel who came to do away with His Father's commandments, freeing modern man from the rigors and duties of the law. Some claim, "I can relate to the New Testament and the Saviour, but that Old Testament and its God I just couldn't take.

Was Yahshua an insurgent? Listen to His own words, "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill (keep, do, perform). For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled," Mat. 5:17-18.

"If you keep My commandments, you shall abide in My love; even as I have kept My Father's commandments, and abide in His love," Jn. 15:10.

Yahshua the Messiah's own words were that He came to keep the law and that He had kept it. Even His enemies could find no sin in Him, "Now the chief priests, and elders, and all the council, sought **false witness** against Yahshua, to put Him to death; but found none: yea, though many **false witnesses** came, yet found they none," Mat. 26:59-60.

The gist of the matter here is that they were seeking “false witnesses.” Why? Because no TRUE witness would have condemned Him.

Neither Herod nor Pilate could find any fault in him, “And Pilate, when he had called together the chief priests and the rulers and the People, said unto them, ‘You have brought this Man unto me, as One That perverts the people: and, behold, I, having examined Him before you, have found no fault in this Man touching those things whereof you accuse Him: No, nor yet Herod: for I sent you to him; and, lo, nothing worthy of death is done to Him,’” Lk. 23:13-15. See also Jn. 18:38; 19:4.

Since the wages (earnings) of sin is death (Ro. 6:23, first part) and sin is the transgression of the law (1 Jn. 3:4), the testimony of the priests, rulers, people, Pilate, and Herod was that Yahshua had kept, “fulfilled” the law perfectly and therefore earned no penalty of death, but was counted worthy to live on, to be set free.

The testimony of all the apostles and disciples who knew, followed, and lived with Him was that He was sinless, without sin.

“Forasmuch as you know that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; but with the precious blood of the Messiah, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you...” 1 Pet. 1:18-20.

The testimony of the Heavenly Father is that not many is worthy in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth to open the book in His hand, sealed with seven seals, except the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, the Lamb as it had been slain, Rev. 5:1-6.

Another testimony of the Father to the sinlessness of Yahshua was that He did not leave Him in the grave to corrupt and rot away, but quickened Him, resurrected him to newness of life. He freed Him from the undeserved

death penalty that others brought upon Him because of their own sins.

Any, therefore, who proclaim Him as a rebel or that He did away with the law are liars who seek to blind with deceit and lead others away to the one who really is a rebel and lawless one, Satan.

THE SABBATH COMMANDMENT

The witness, the testimony concerning Yahshua, therefore, by all others saying He was without fault, blameless, blemish free, and sinless means that He ALWAYS observed the Sabbath day perfectly, doesn't it?

The Sabbath, that is, the seventh day rest, is commanded in Yahweh's law (Ex. 20:8-11). Yahshua fulfilled, kept, observed, obeyed it. The Jews of His day tried to accuse Him of breaking it. But had He done so, He would have been guilty of having committed a sin to death for Moses wrote, "Six days may work be done; but in the seventh is the sabbath of rest, holy to Yahweh: whosoever doeth any work in the sabbath day, **he shall surely be put to death,**" Ex. 31:15. See also Ex. 35:2.

The Jews had simply written many do's and don'ts into the law in effect destroying the original purpose and intent of it (Mt. 15:1-9; Mk. 7:1-13).

By His own actions Yahshua proved that the seventh-day Sabbath command was still in effect, for He obeyed it, setting an example for us that we should follow His steps: "**Who did no sin,** neither was guile found in His mouth," 1 Pet. 2:21-22.

FIRST DAY ADVOCATES

Even the Sunday advocates, after substituting Sunday for the Sabbath, maintain that the Sabbath law is not done away for they then instituted strict laws to govern the observance of Sunday as the Jews had for the Sabbath.

The *International Standard Bible Encyclopedia (ISBE)* has this to say about Sunday observance in its article,

“Lord’s Day” (Vol. 3, pp. 158-160):

“Christians worshipping on the first day not of the month but of the week indicates that the church, as the ‘new Israel,’ accepted the sabbatical rhythm of time revealed to Israel through Moses. [NOTE: They didn’t accept the sabbatical rhythm revealed through Moses but another rhythm that will be discussed later.]

“It is clear, however, that while the Christians universally observed the sabbatical rhythm of time, they did not specifically or primarily observe the sabbath (seventh) day. Thus the apostolic church spoke both a ‘yes’ and a ‘no’ to the fourth commandment....Christians, therefore, are free from the sabbath in that they can gather on the first day, and at the same time stand under the sign of the sabbath in that they gather every seventh day.

“The unique relationship of the Jewish sabbath to the Christian Lord’s Day bears on the ethical question of how Christians should observe this Lord’s Day. The English Puritan tradition requires that one refrain from all labor and recreation (except ‘works of mercy and necessity’) and spend the whole day in private and public devotion. Proponents have appealed to the OT proscription of all labor on the sabbath and traditionally have preferred the term ‘Sabbath Day’ to designate the Christian day of worship.....

“Americans have traditionally observed the English Puritan sabbath. The colonists enforced observance of the day by civil legislation, now popularly called ‘blue laws’ [because of the blue paper they were written on].

“....One rightly observes the day who does so in a faith that renounces all self-confidence and trust in one’s own works and rests only in God for deliverance from sin [NOTE: Sin is the transgression of the law. The seventh day Sabbath is Yahweh’s law. Modern-day Christianity seeks to observe its sabbath through rest, even forcible rest on a day that is NOT the commanded day of the law.].

“...One rightly observes the day who meets with God’s people for worship. The ‘rest’ of the Lord’s day is not idle-

ness but a gathering in which believers have fellowship with one another and with the risen Lord. The Lord's Day is not a private day; it belongs to the church.

"...From the end of the 4th century onward a trend very naturally developed toward the fuller equation of the Lord's Day with the OT sabbath, which it was now in fact to a large extent supplanting in Christian circles.

"...Alcuin, toward the end of the 8th century, specifically transferred the sabbath command to the Lord's Day. Peter Alphonsus in the 12th century capped the whole development by describing the Lord's Day as the Christian sabbath." (End of *ISBE* article.)

Isn't it incredible! Sunday worship had not supplanted the seventh day to a large extent until the end of the 4th century! From these writings it is obvious that the Christian Church knew that the seven day rhythm begun at creation and commanded by the law was still in effect then as is the case even today.

Efforts to enforce the newly derived Christian seven-day cycle were made by civil legislation. Notice that it says that "Christians, therefore, are **free from the sabbath...**" What a fulfillment of Scripture! "Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against Yahweh, and against His Anointed (Messiah), saying, '**Let us break their bands (laws) asunder, and cast away their cords (the ties that bind) from us,**'" Psa. 2:1-3.

Man (Christianity) followed the tradition of the Pharisees who nullified Yahweh's law through their own man-made traditions. They proclaimed that the sabbath was done away, and then turned to apply the same sabbath laws to another day of their own choosing.

THE SUNDAY ENFORCER

The very first effort made to enforce Sunday observance rather than the Sabbath by civil legislation came from Em-

peror Constantine the Great in 321 C.E.

Constantine decreed that all “judges, city-people, and craftsmen’ should ‘rest on this venerable day of the sun [Sunday, the first day of the week],’ but allowed farmers to attend to agriculture when natural conditions made it advisable (*International Standard Bible Encyclopedia*, p. 160).

Notice how unlike Yahweh’s commandment is Constantine’s. Not only is the day different, but Constantine also provided for agricultural exception while Yahweh proclaimed that the people should rest in earing time and in harvest (Ex. 34:21).

Constantine’s choice of words is interesting, as “venerable” means, to venerate, revere or worship. His words mean that all should rest on this worshipful day of the sun, or let all reverence the day of the sun.

Just who was Constantine the Great?

THE REFORM EMPEROR

Constantine became sole emperor of the Roman Empire in 325 C.E. He is highly regarded by all Christian groups as the one instrumental in making Christianity the accepted religion of the Roman Empire.

Just before his battle with the superior forces of Maxentius at Milvian Bridge, he is said to have seen a vision of a flaming cross in heaven with the words “En Touta Nike” (*By this conquer*). He adopted the cross as his device or sign and his troops carried it into the battle and were victorious. (*Encyclopedia Britannica*, 14th Ed., Vol. 6, article ‘Constantine’ p. 298).

Hislop reveals that the standard was the letter “X,” which is the first letter (Greek *chi*) in the title of “Christ.” He writes, “...the X may have been intended to have one meaning to the Christians and another to the Pagans. It is certain that the X was the symbol of the god Ham in Egypt, and as such was exhibited on the breast of his im-

age.” (*The Two Babylons* by Alexander Hislop, p. 204).

That Constantine’s motives were to fuse Christianity and paganism into one religion is demonstrated by careful examination into his subsequent actions, and church history following his death.

The battle of Milvian Bridge took place on October 28, 312. His Edict of Toleration (C.E. 313) “...granted to ‘Christians and to all others Full Liberty of following that Religion which each may choose,’” was the first edict of its kind in history.

“He went further. He favored Christians in every way: filled chief offices with them: exempted Christian ministers from taxes and military service; encouraged and helped in building churches: made Christianity the religion of his court: issued a general exhortation (C.E. 325), to all his subjects, to embrace Christianity...” (*Halley’s Bible Handbook*, by H. H. Halley, p. 759).

CHURCH-STATE BLENDING

Until the reign of Constantine the new-found religion now commonly termed “Christianity” had been severely persecuted throughout the Roman Empire, yet even with the harsh persecution and the resulting death of many, their numbers grew.

The *Encyclopedia Britannica* says, “From his accession Constantine had shown himself the friend of the Christians; and when his victory over Licinius (C.E. 323) gave him undisputed possession of the crown, he adhered to this religious policy, distributing and fortifying the Christian cause by gratuities and grants of privilege. This propitiatory attitude originated in the fact that he recognized Christianity—which had successfully braved so many persecutions—as the most vital and vigorous of religions, and as the power of the future. Consequently he directed his energies toward the establishment of a positive relationship between it and the Roman State”)14th Ed. Vol. 16, p. 410, article, “*Council of Nicaea*”).

Halley's Bible Handbook says, "under Constantine, **Christianity was virtually made the State Religion of the Roman Empire.** The Church immediately became an institution of vast importance in World Politics. Constantine regarded himself as Head of the Church. He called the Council of Nicaea (C.E. 325), and presided over it, the First World Council of the Church" (p. 769).

The Britannica further states, "It has been said by Stanley that Constantine was entitled to be called 'Great' in virtue rather of what he did than of what he was; and it is true that neither his intellectual nor his moral qualities were such as to earn the title. His claim to greatness rests mainly on the fact that he divined the future which lay before Christianity, and determined to enlist it in the service of his empire, and also on his achievement in completing the work begun by Aurelian and Diocletian, by which the quasi-constitutional monarchy or 'principate' of Augustus was transformed into the naked absolutism sometimes called the 'dominate'...he not only identified himself more openly than ever with Christianity but showed a determination to assert his supremacy in ecclesiastical affairs, holding no doubt that, as **the office of Pontifex Maximus** gave him supreme control of religious matters throughout the empire, **the regulation of Christianity fell within his province**...Like Diocletian, Constantine believed that the time had come for society to be remodeled by the fiat of despotic authority, and it is significant that from henceforth we meet with the undistinguished assertion that the will of the emperor is the sole fountain of the law. Constantine, in fact, embodies the spirit of absolute authority which both in church and state, was to prevail for many centuries" (14th Ed., Vol. 6, article "Constantine" pp. 298-299).

DANIEL 2 AND 7

Remember the prophecies revealed to Daniel? In Daniel chapter 2 a great metallic image was revealed in a dream to Nebuchadnezzar which was a thumbnail history of the world's kingdoms. The image had a head of gold, arms and breast of silver, belly and thighs of brass and legs of iron

and feet of iron and clay.

The interpretation was that there would be four world ruling kingdoms. Nebuchadnezzar and his kingdom of Babylon was the head of gold. A second kingdom inferior to Babylon would follow. This kingdom, of course, was Medo-Persia. Still another kingdom, represented by the brass, would follow the Medo-Persian kingdom which was the Greek-Macedonian kingdom raised up by Alexander.

The fourth kingdom, represented by the iron, was Rome. It was to continue until the kingdom of heaven is established (v. 45). However, the mixture of iron and clay in the feet as well as iron and mirey clay (v. 41) reveal changes of nature that would take place in the Roman kingdom.

It is the understanding of this author that the iron and clay mixture first presented would typify the amalgamation of the Israelite tribes into the Roman Empire. The iron and mirey clay would further represent the change in its religious nature from pagan to so-called Christianity.

While Daniel chapter 2 reveals the metallic nature of the kingdoms, Daniel chapter 7 reveals the animal-like nature of the kingdoms.

The first kingdom of Daniel 7 is like a lion and has eagle's wings. This is Babylon. The second animal is like a bear with three ribs in its mouth. This is Medo-Persia. The third kingdom, Greece-Macedonia, is like a leopard with four heads and four wings on its back.

But the fourth kingdom is only able to be described as a dreadful, terrible and exceedingly strong beast. There is no known earthly animal which could describe it. It is this kingdom that makes war with the saints and **PREVAILS AGAINST THEM!** (Dan. 7:21).

Constantine was one of the heads of this dreadful and terrible beast!

THREE HORNS

The historical records and facts, both civil and Biblical,

reveal the subtle nature of Constantine. All emperors before him revealed the true nature of Rome. It was the enemy of Yahweh and His Son, Yahshua the Messiah. It was the stronghold of paganism and emperor worship. The emperors, beginning with Augustus, all possessed the pagan high priest title of PONTIFEX MAXIMUS. This gave them power over all pagan religions.

Constantine devised a new system or device to conquer this new virulent religion (Now called Christianity). Pretend to give in, make friends, grant favors, flatter. He caught the assembly of believers totally off guard, pretended to enter their fellowship, lulled them to sleep and then seized their power and authority for himself.

It appears to this author, through diligent study of both civil and Biblical history, that Constantine is the “little horn” of Daniel chapter 8.

In the third year of the reign of King Belshazzar a vision appeared unto Daniel after that which appeared to him at the first, Daniel 8:1. The first vision referred to here is the vision of Daniel 7.

Daniel saw a ram that had two horns which were high, but one horn was higher than the other, and the higher came up last, verse 3.

The ram was pushing westward, and northward, and southward; so that no beasts might stand before him, neither was there any that could deliver them out of his hand; but he did according to his will, and became great.

This ram with its two horns symbolizes the kings of Media and Persia, verse 20.

As Daniel was considering the ram, suddenly a he goat came from the west on the face of the whole earth, and touched not the ground: and the he goat had a notable horn between his eyes, verse 5.

We know that this he goat with its notable horn is Greece under Alexander the Great because verse 21 identifies the

rough goat as the king (kingdom) of Grecia, and the great horn is the first king. History bears this out.

Alexander attacked the hundreds of thousands of Persia, perhaps as many as a million, with a force of only 30,000 men! Many may proclaim the cunning and skills of Alexander, as well as his greatness, but unless Yahweh had given Persia into his hands, he would not have succeeded.

Therefore the he goat waxed very great: and when he was strong, the great horn was broken; and for it came up four notable ones toward the four winds of heaven, v. 8. We have all been taught out of the history books how Alexander wept for there were no more worlds to conquer and that he died from a drunken debauchery.

Alexander's kingdom was divided between his four generals. Ptolemy received Egypt, Palestine and some parts of Asia. Cassander received Greece and Macedonia. Lysimachus received Bithynia, Thrace, Mysia, etc. Seleucus received Syria, Armenia and territory east of the Euphrates.

Daniel writes that out of one of these four horns came forth a little horn, which waxed exceeding great toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the pleasant (bountiful [*The Interlinear Bible*]), verse 9.

This little horn waxed great, even to the host of heaven; and it cast down some of the host and of the stars to the ground, and stamped upon them. Yea, he magnified himself even to the Prince of host, and by him the daily (sacrifice) was taken away, and the place of His sanctuary was cast down. And an host was given him against the daily (sacrifice) by reason of transgression, and it cast down the truth to the ground; and it practised and prospered, verses 10-12.

Many proclaim that this little horn was Antiochus Ephphanes who did gain control of Palestine, caused the daily sacrifice to cease, offered swine on the altar of the temple and forced the Jews to renounce their faith, forbade Sabbath observance, eat pork and other unclean practices.

It was fulfilled by him in type but this vision is reserved for the time of the end, verse 17, and for many days, verse 26. Antiochus Epiphanes was only a forerunner, a type of another that was to come.

TEMPLE WORSHIP DESTROYED

How did Antiochus magnify himself to (as) the Prince of hosts? By forcing his will and the worship of his pagan deities on the Jewish people. The kingdom of Greece received its power and authority from heaven. His Greek Kingdom was, in essence, the kingdom of heaven on earth. He declared himself to be the savior of the kingdom and the son of Elohim. Being the son of Elohim made him to also be Elohim. By this means he magnified himself as the Prince of hosts.

Constantine followed the same example! He had the power of the office of the empire. The Roman kingdom received its power and authority from heaven.

Augustus had declared that his uncle Julius Ceasar had been resurrected from his untimely death, ascended into heaven and had been made a god sitting in the assembly of the gods. Augustus declared himself to be the adopted son of Julius Ceasar and therefore, the son of god (elohim).

All Caesars who followed Augustus assumed his office of power as the Augustus. Constantine was a successor of the Caesarean, Augustan office, thus he regarded himself to be the son of elohim and savior of the kingdom. He considered himself the sole authority over the assembly.

Yahshua the Messiah is the sole authority. He set an example that we should follow him. Constantine commanded the assembly to follow himself.

Constantine's edicts and laws were not patterned after scriptural obedience but according to his own will and ancient pagan mystery religions, especially sun-worship!

Constantine's system cast some of the host to the ground and stamped on them. Yahweh's people, the true hosts,

were still observing the Sabbath, Passover, and the holy days of Leviticus 23. Constantine's Sunday Edict enforced Sunday, not the Sabbath. Easter replaced the Passover and eventually all of Yahweh's holy days were forgotten in lieu of pagan holidays.

Those who persisted in Yahweh's True Worship were eventually persecuted so severely that they either had to recant and accept Paganistic Christianity, forfeit their lives for the truth or flee the confines of the Roman Empire.

The place of Yahweh's sanctuary was cast down. The Old Testament sanctuary began as the tabernacle in the wilderness in the midst of Israel. Upon entering the land of Palestine, the tabernacle abode at first in Shiloh. Shiloh eventually lost its significance, however, when the sons of Eli removed the ark of the covenant, using it to face the Philistine army.

It was captured by them but returned to Israel five months later after several plagues struck them, causing them to return the Ark. The Ark of the Covenant was eventually transferred to Jerusalem by King David where his son Solomon built the temple.

The temple at Jerusalem became the sanctuary of Yahweh until 69-70 C.E., when the Romans razed the city and temple, throwing down all the stones of it. After the Bar Kochba rebellion, which was finally overcome in 135 C.E., the Romans plowed Jerusalem as a field and sowed salt upon it.

Thus the Romans cast down the sanctuary, destroying the city and temple, and causing the daily sacrifice to cease to be offered.

THE NEW TESTAMENT SANCTUARY

The Old Testament sanctuary was first a temporary tabernacle, becoming eventually a permanent temple all having been made by the hands of men. Yet Stephen proclaimed, under inspiration of the Holy Spirit, "Solomon

built Him an house. Howbeit the Most High dwells not in temples made with hands; as says the prophet, 'Heaven is My throne, and earth is My footstool: what house will you build Me?' says Yahweh: 'or what is the place of My rest? Have not My hands made all these things?'" Acts 7:47-50.

Paul also stated, "Elohim that made the world and all things therein, seeing that He is Master of heaven and earth, dwells not in temples made with hands," Acts 17:24.

ENTER A NEW PRIESTHOOD

Yahshua came to institute a new temple, a new creation, for the old temple made by men's hands and the administration of the Old Testament covenant administered by men of a physical priesthood had become corrupted and needed to be changed.

Yahshua proclaimed, "Destroy this Temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' Then said the Jews, 'Forty and six years was this Temple in building, and will you rear it up in three days?' But He spake of the Temple of His body," Jn. 2:19-21.

Paul also reveals, "Know you not that you are the temple of Elohim and that the Spirit of Elohim dwells in you? If any man defile the Temple of Elohim, him shall Elohim destroy; for the Temple of Elohim is holy, which temple you are," 1 Cor. 3:16-17.

"What? Know you not that your body is the Temple of the Holy Spirit which is in you, which you have of Elohim, and you are not your own?" 1 Cor. 6:19. "What agreement has the Temple of Elohim with idols? For you are the temple of the living Elohim; as Elohim has said, 'I will dwell in them, and walk in them: and I will be their Elohim, and they shall be My People,'" 2 Cor. 6:16.

Truly the Scriptures reveal, both Old and New testaments, that there would be a change of administrations as well as dwelling places. Yahweh would no longer dwell in a physical, earthly sanctuary built by men's hands with the administration of an earthly, corruptible priesthood, but

the Book of Hebrews reveals, “Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such an High Priest, Who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens; a Minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which Yahweh pitched and not man...For if that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second. For finding fault with them, He says, ‘Behold the days come, says Yahweh, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah...In that He says ‘a new covenant,’ He has made the first old. Now that which decays and waxes old is ready to vanish away,” Heb. 8:1-2, 7-8, 13.

As stated, the Old Testament sanctuary and priesthood vanished away when the Roman Empire destroyed Jerusalem and the temple in 69-70 C.E., also eliminating the Levitical priesthood.

But a new, heavenly priesthood had already begun with the Spirit of Yahweh dwelling in men of the Father’s election or choosing (Jn. 6:44), the Spirit dwelling in Yahweh’s created creatures and not any longer in tabernacles or temples made by men’s hands.

THE NEW DAILY SACRIFICE

The priesthood offered sacrifices daily in the temple at Jerusalem. The sacrifices consisted of the blood of bulls, sheep, goats, doves and pigeons. The sacrifice of Yahshua replaced the animal sacrifices of the Old Testament administration. His sacrifice was offered once for all sins and sacrifices, Heb. 9:24-28; 10:10; 7:27.

We who have the Spirit of Yahshua continue to offer sacrifices, however. Peter writes, “As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that you may grow there-by: if so be you have tasted that the Master is gracious. To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of Elohim, and precious, you also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to Elohim by Yahshua the Messiah,” 1 Pet. 2:2-5.

The book of Hebrews describes what these sacrifices are, "Wherefore Yahshua also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered without the gate. Let us go forth therefore unto Him without the camp, bearing His reproach. For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come. By Him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to Elohim continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His name. But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices Elohim is well pleased," Heb. 13:12-16.

These sacrifices of praise were prophesied in the Old Testament book of Hosea, "O Israel, return unto Yahweh your Elohim; for you have fallen by your iniquity. Take with you words, and turn to Yahweh: say unto Him, 'Take away all iniquity, and receive us graciously: so will we render the calves of our lips,'" 14:1-2.

David also revealed the true sacrifice, "Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O Elohim, You Elohim of my salvation: and my tongue shall sing aloud of Your righteousness. O Yahweh, open You my lips; and my mouth shall shew forth Your praise. For You desire not sacrifice; else would I give it: You delight not in burnt offering. The sacrifices of Elohim are a broken spirit: a broken and contrite heart, O Elohim, You will not despise," Psa. 51:14-17.

ALL OTHER BELIEFS SUPPRESSED

The true sacrifice today is the praise of Yahweh's righteousness exhibited by His Son Yahshua. He was tempted in all points like as we, yet without sin. Our righteousness comes through Him, "Whereof the Holy Spirit also is a witness to us: for after that He had said before, 'This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says Yahweh; I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; and their sins and iniquities will I remember no more,'" Heb. 10:15-17.

We must all encourage one another to work good works, works of righteousness. But Rome has taken away the daily sacrifice of most of Yahweh's people by instituting its

own brand of works under the name of another savior, thereby causing the daily sacrifice to cease to be offered to the true Elohim.

Constantine's brand of Christianity has practised and prospered into a great Catholic (universal, worldwide) Church, which has also engendered many protesting (Protestant) daughters (churches), a Greek Orthodox Church and a Russian Orthodox Church.

DOING RIGHT IN THEIR OWN EYES

The *Britannica* confesses, "in making the State Christian, Constantine made the Church a State institution, and therefore under imperial control. Caesaropapism was the logical consequence. The sacerdotium was united with the imperium in the person of the monarch as in the Pagan state.

"...The character of the Church as a State institution is expressed above all in the synods. The general councils are not only summoned by the emperor, but are presided over by him or his lay deputies. The emperor or his representative not only keeps order but conducts the deliberations and intervenes in the theological debates. It has been erroneously thought that the Council of Chalcedon (451) the legate of Pope Leo presided; but the acts of that assembly teach us otherwise; the privilege which the Roman legates possessed was that of voting first (the right of princeps senatus). The first general council at which a churchman presided was the seventh (at Nicaea, 787), at which the emperor (or empress) deputed not a layman, but the patriarch Tarasius to preside. The resolutions of these ecclesiastical State-councils did not become the law of the empire till they were confirmed by imperial edicts.

The emperors, in their capacity as heads of the Church, did not confine themselves to controlling it by controlling the councils. They soon began to issue edicts dealing with theology, by virtue of their own authority" (14th Ed., Vol. 19, article "*Roman Empire Later*," subtitle "*Church and State*").

Halley's Bible Handbook adds, "Emperor Constantine (C.E. 306-337), when he became a Christian, issued an Edict granting everybody the right to choose his own Religion.

"Emperor Theodosius (C.E. 378-398), made Christianity the State Religion of the Roman Empire, and made Church membership compulsory. This was the worst calamity that has ever befallen the church. This forced conversion filled the Churches with unregenerate people.

"Not only so, Theodosius undertook the forcible suppression of all other religions, and prohibited idol worship. Under his decrees, heathen temples were torn down by mobs of Christians, and there was much bloodshed.

"[Messiah] had designed to conquer by purely spiritual and moral means. Up to this time conversion was voluntary, a genuine change in heart and life.

"But now the military spirit of Imperial Rome had entered the Church. The Church had conquered the Roman Empire. But in reality the Roman Empire had conquered the Church, by making the Church over into the image of the Roman Empire.

"The Church had changed its nature, **had entered its great apostasy**, had become a political organization in the Spirit and pattern of Imperial Rome, and took its nose-dive into the millennium of Papal abominations.

"The Imperial Church of the 4th and 5th centuries had become an entirely different institution from the pre-persecuted church of the first three centuries. In its ambition to rule, it lost and forgot the spirit of [the Messiah].

"Worship, at first very simple, was developed into elaborate, stately, imposing ceremonies having all the outward splendor that had belonged to the heathen temples" (p. 760, article "*Paganization of the Church*").

The evidence is conclusive. Constantine is not the hero of modern-day Christianity as is supposed, but rather the

author of paganism and heathenism which has entered the assembly as a deadly virus, which slays at will.

CONSTANTINE, THE SUN WORSHIPPER

Constantine intended to use the vigorous religion to accomplish his own will, his own schemes of personal grandeur, to magnify himself above all others, even to the Prince of hosts.

His purposes and edicts, as well as those of his successors, reveal a mind that is totally opposite to the mind of Yahshua, Who sought His Father's will above His own and fulfilled His commandments.

Constantine sought to weld the Church and State into one great political body, in unity so that his own position was safe, secure as well as powerful.

The *ISBE* admits that the Jewish Christians had the Sabbath as a day of rest. (article "Lord's Day," p. 159)

But it states that Gentile Christians had no mandatory weekly day of rest and were thus forced to worship early in the morning or late in the evening.

Such cannot be the case for the Book of Acts reveals that the Gentile converts observed the Sabbath, Acts 13:14-44; 15:1-21; 16:13; 17:1-4; 18:4.

THE SUNDAY COMMAND

In the history of Sabbath transformation the *International Standard Bible Encyclopedia (ISBE)* admits, "The next step came with the accession of Constantine and his recognition and favoring of the Christian Church. Hitherto the Roman Empire had no firmly established week, although **Mithraism had observed the first day as the day of the sun** and the seventh day had often been made a special day for feasting. In C.E. 321 Constantine, who also had some attachment to the sun-god, made the first day a regular public holiday, decreeing that all 'judges, city-people, and craftsmen' should 'rest on this venerable day of the sun.'" (p. 160)

“Mithraism, a religion of Persia first entered Rome around the time of Pompey and Julius Caesar. Toward the end of the second century the cult had begun to spread rapidly through the army, the mercantile class, slaves and actual propagandists, all of which classes were largely composed of Asiatics...Mithras, identified with Sol Invictus (the unconquered sun), thus became the giver of authority and victory to the imperial house.” (*Encyclopedia Britannica*, 14th Ed., Vol. 15, p. 620)

THE TRUE MEANING OF SUNDAY

Sunday is associated with ancient pagan mystery worship. The *Britannica* notes, “The general service tended to grow more elaborate, the *missa fidelium* tended to take on the character of the current GREEK MYSTERIES...Thus the early idea of the services, as occasions for mutual edification through the interchange of spiritual gifts, gave way in course of time to the theory that they consisted of sacred and mysterious rites by means of which communion with God is promoted...In the Eastern Church the religious interest concerned itself more keenly with the mystic rites of divine worship than with dogma.” (Vol. 5, article “*Church History*,” pp. 677-679)

ADMIXTURE OF PAGANISM

Constantine sold the heavenly host out to the ancient pagan mystery religions of which Sunday, sun-worship, was prominent.

Albert Pike, a 33rd degree Mason, reveals the true meanings of Sunday worship in his book, *Morals and Dogma*: “We learn from Celsus, in Origen; who says that the symbolical image of the passage among the Stars, used in the Mithraic Mysteries, was a ladder, reaching from earth to Heaven, divided into seven steps or stages, to each of which was a gate, and at the summit an eighth, that of the fixed stars. The first gate says Celsus, was that of Saturn, and of lead, by the heavy nature whereof his dull slow progress was symbolized. The second of tin,

was that of Venus, symbolizing her soft splendor and easy flexibility. The third of brass, was that of Jupiter, emblem of his solidity and dry nature. The fourth of iron was that of Mercury, expressing his indefatigable activity and sagacity. The fifth of copper, was that of Mars, expressing his inequalities and variable nature. The sixth, of silver, was that of the Moon: and the seventh, of gold, that of the sun, This order is not the real order of these Planets; but a mysterious one, **like that of the days of the week consecrated to them, commencing with Saturday, and retrograding to Sunday.** It was dictated, Celsus says, of certain harmonic relations, those of the fourth.” (P. 414)

As we previously discovered, the seven-day week with the Sabbath rest was a sabbatical rhythm of time revealed to Israel through Moses, while the so-called apostolic church adopted its own sabbatical rhythm in Sunday worship.

THE COUNTERFEIT SABBATH

Mr. Pike reveals that this Sunday rhythm is in retrograde (retiring or retreating) rather than advancing or progressing. To retrograde also means to degenerate.

In other words, Yahweh commanded to count day 1 through 6 and to rest on the seventh day Sabbath. But Mr. Pike reveals that the modern-day Sunday observance is a mystic order wherein the count begins with the Sabbath as day one and counts backward to Sunday making it the seventh day.

Mr. Pike had earlier revealed, “The true name of Satan, the Kabalists say, is that of [Yahweh] reversed; for Satan is...the negation of God. The Devil is the personification of Atheism or Idolatry.” (*Morals and Dogma*, p. 102)

Mr. Pike reveals the true nature of Sunday and its worship. It is contrary to Yahweh’s command, Yahweh’s nature. Sunday worship is anti-Yahweh, anti-Messiah.

Sunday is Satan’s sabbath, the being who deceives the

whole world (Rev. 12:9). It represents the sun (Sun-day) and gold. Mr. Pike says, "Gold to the eyes of the Initiates is Light condensed. They style the sacred numbers of the Kabalah "golden numbers," and the moral teachings of Pythagoras his "golden verses." (*IBID*, p. 102)

Mr. Pike says of the devil, "For the initiates (into Masonic Mysteries), this is not a person, but a Force, created for good, but which may serve for evil. It is the instrument of liberty or free will. They represent this force, which presides over the physical generation, under the mythologic and horned form of the god Pan; thence came the he-goat of the Sabbat, and the Light-bearer of Phosphor, of which the poets have made the false Lucifer of the legend." (*IBID*, P. 102)

Lucifer means light bearer. Sunday is the day of gold to the Masonic initiate, and the sun, is their false light.

TO GO BACKWARD

When Yahweh created or re-created the heavens and the earth (Gen. 1), to begin with everything had become waste and empty. Everything had degenerated (retrograded) to destruction because of Satan's original rebellion (apostasy). Through a succession of six days of creation Yahweh delivered, relieved, regenerated the earth from its state of destruction until he could finally rest on the seventh day.

Satan the devil, the rebel, the apostatizer, the deceiver, the degenerate, the one who retrogrades, the negation of Yahweh, the anti-Yahweh, the anti-Messiah, deceived Eve through a lie. Man took of the forbidden fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil and came under the penalty of death.

Yahweh's warning was, "You shall not eat of it: for in the day that you eat thereof you shall surely die," Gen. 2:17. (The actual Hebrew says, "dying, you shall die.") In other words, the process of death began, which is a process of degeneration, of corruption, of retrograding, of go-

ing backward instead of forward!

Man is under the influence of the corrupter, the degenerate, the retrograder. Yahweh had said, "Do not eat," and man ate. He said, "Observe My law," and man says the law is done away. He says, "Keep the Sabbath," which is a sign of going forward, progression, and regeneration, and man observes Sunday, a sign of retrograding, going backward, degeneration, apostatizing, corruption.

CONSTANTINE'S IDOLATRY TODAY

An interesting statement is made in the Book of Hebrews, "Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, My soul shall have no pleasure in him. But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul," Heb. 10:38-39.

"Perdition" means ruin, waste, destruction, perish, die, to shrink, apostasy, withdraw, etc. In other words we are not of them who corrupt, apostatize, degenerate, retrograde to death and destruction—but we believe unto salvation (regeneration, renewal, relief, go forward, progress to life).

Eve was lied to and deceived by the serpent Satan in the garden of Eden. Similarly, the ancient nations of Israel and Judah came under Satan's influence and had to be destroyed. Even so, modern-day churchianity had generally been deceived into going the way of the corrupter, the degenerate one.

Constantine deceived the New Testament assembly into believing that he was one of them when, in reality, his actions and their results prove otherwise. Under his subtle, skillful manipulations, paganistic idolatry was introduced into the assembly causing degeneration and retrograding, instead of progression and regeneration.

Remember, Mr. Pike's statement that the Devil was the power which led to idolatry and atheism? Look about you and see the idols of the religion today called Christianity.

How is it that the western world, supposedly the fortress of Christianity, is also the fortress of evolution and atheism? It is because most modern-day, Bible-professing churches are corrupt, degenerate, in retrograde, and stand in danger of death and destruction.

If you are a modern-day Sunday worshipping Christian then you need to read Rev. 12:9, “And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent called **the Devil and Satan which deceives the whole world**: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.”

Satan has deceived the modern day world to cast Yahweh’s commanded Sabbath day behind them, causing them to embrace the day at the opposite end of the count, the first day of the week, as their rest day and day of convocation. This goes contrary to the command of Yahweh. This negates Yahweh’s command. This is in retrograde to that which is established by the awesome Creator Yahweh and leads to degeneration and destruction.

PETER’S EXCELLENT ADVICE

If this booklet has convicted or convinced you in any way that you have been corrupting, apostatizing, retrograding, then you need to follow Peter’s admonition when the men of his day were pricked in their heart asking him, “Men and brethren what shall we do?”

Then Peter said unto them, “Repent (turn, change) and be baptized everyone of you in the name of Yahshua the Messiah for the remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as Yahweh or Elohim shall call,” Acts 2:37-39.

Turn, repent from disobedience. Turn from the way of the deceiver, the destroyer. Turn from the sin of Sabbath desecration, begin to obey Yahweh’s command and be washed from your sins.

Believe in the true Elohim Who has the power through His glorious Son Yahshua to progress, move forward, and

to regenerate you to salvation, incorruption, immortality,
and to the true light and life everlasting!

ADDENDUM

WHAT THE CHURCH LEADER'S SAY, ABOUT WHICH DAY IS THE SABBATH

"CATHOLICISM SPEAKS"

"Sunday is a Catholic institution, and its claims to observance can be defended only on Catholic principles... From beginning to end of Scripture there is not a single passage that warrants the transfer of weekly public worship from the last day of the week to the first." The Catholic Press, Sydney, Australia, August, 1900.

"Protestantism, in discarding the authority of the (Roman Catholic) Church, has no good reasons for its Sunday theory, and ought logically to keep Saturday as the Sabbath." John Gilmary Shea, American Catholic Quarterly Review, January, 1883.

"It is well to remind the Presbyterians, Baptists, Methodists, and all other Christians, that the Bible does not support them anywhere in their observance of Sunday. Sunday is an institution of the Roman Catholic Church, and those who observe the day observe a commandment of the Catholic Church." Priest Brady, in an address, reported in the Elizabeth, N.J. "News", March 18, 1903.

"Ques. - Have you any other way of proving that the (Catholic) Church has power to institute festivals of precept (to command holy days)?"

"Ans. - 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 first day of the week, for the observance of Saturday the seventh day, a change for which there is no Scriptural authority." Stephan Keenan, A Doctrinal Catechism, page 176.

"Reason and common 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 holy of Sunday. Compromise is impossible." *The Catholic Mirror*, December 23, 1893.

"God simply gave His (Catholic) Church the power to set aside whatever day or days, she would deem suitable as Holy Days. The Church chose Sunday, the first day of the week, and in the course of time added other days, as holy days." Vincent J. Kelly, *Forbidden Sunday and Feast-Day Occupations*, page 2.

"Protestants... accept Sunday rather than Saturday as the-day for public worship after the Catholic Church made the change... But the Protestant mind does not seem to realize that... in observing the Sunday, they are accepting the authority of the spokesman for the church, the Pope." *Our Sunday visitor*, February 5, 1950.

Not the Creator of the Universe, In Genesis 2:1 -3,- but the Catholic Church "can claim the honor of having granted man a pause to his work every seven days." S.D. Mosna, *Storia della Domenica*, 1969, pages 366-367.

"We hold upon this earth the place of God Almighty." Pope Leo XII I, in an Encyclical Letter, June 20, 1894.

"The Pope is not only the representative of Jesus Christ, but he is Jesus Christ Himself, hidden under veil of flesh." *The Catholic National*, July 1895.

"If Protestants would follow the Bible, they should worship God on the Sabbath Day. In keeping the Sunday they are following a law of the Catholic Church." Albert Smith, chancellor of the Archdiocese of Baltimore, replying for the Cardinal, in a letter, February 10, 1920.

"We define that the Holy Apostolic See (the Vatican) and the Roman Pontiff hold the primacy over the whole world." A Decree of the Council of Trent, quoted in Philippe Labbe and Gabriel Cossart, *The Most Holy*

Councils, Vol.13, col. 1167.

"It was the Catholic Church which, by the authority of Jesus Christ, has transferred this rest (from the Bible Sabbath) to the Sunday . . . Thus the observance of Sunday by the Protestants is an homage they pay, in spite of themselves, to the authority of the (Catholic) Church." Monsignor Louis Segur, Plain Talk about the Protestantism of Today, page 213.

"We observe Sunday instead of Saturday because the Catholic Church transferred the solemnity from Saturday to Sunday." Peter Geiermann, C5SR, A Doctrinal Catechism, 1957 edition, page 50.

"We Catholics, then, have precisely the same authority for keeping Sunday holy instead of Saturday as we have for every other article of our creed, namely, the authority of the Church... whereas you who are Protestants have really no authority for it whatever; for there is no authority for it (Sunday sacredness) in the Bible, and you will not allow that there can be authority for it anywhere else. Both you and we do, in fact, follow tradition in this matter; but we follow it, believing it to be a part of God's word, and the (Catholic) Church to be its divinely appointed guardian and Interpreter; you follow it (the Catholic Church), denouncing it all the time as a fallible and treacherous guide, which often 'makes the commandments of God of none effect' quoting Matthew 15:6." The Brotherhood of St. Paul, The Clifton Tracts, Vol.4, tract 4, page 15.

"The Church changed the observance of the Sabbath to Sunday by right of the divine, infallible authority given to her by her founder, Jesus Christ. The Protestant claiming the Bible to be the only guide of faith, has no warrant for observing Sunday. In this matter the Seventh-day Adventist is the only consistent Protestant." The Catholic Universe Bulletin, August 14, 1942, page 4.

"PROTESTANTISM SPEAKS"

Baptist: "There was and is a command to keep holy the Sabbath day, but that Sabbath day was not Sunday. It will however be readily said, and with some show of triumph, that the Sabbath was transferred from the seventh to the first day of the week, with all its duties, privileges and sanctions. Earnestly desiring information on this subject, which I have studied for many years, I ask, where can the record of such a transaction be found? Not in the New Testament-absolutely not. There is no scriptural evidence of the change of the Sabbath institution from the seventh to the first day of the week." Dr. E. T. Hiscox, author of the Baptist Manual.

Congregationalist: "It is quite clear that however rigidly or devotedly we may spend Sunday, we are not keeping the Sabbath. . . The Sabbath was founded on specific, divine command. We can plead no such command for the observance of Sunday... There is not a single line in the New Testament to suggest that we incur any penalty by violating the supposed sanctity of Sunday." -Dr. R. W. Dale, The Ten Commandments, pages 106-107.

Lutheran Free Church: "For when there could not be produced one solitary place in the Holy Scriptures which testified that either the Lord Himself or the apostles had ordered such a transfer of the Sabbath to Sunday, then it was not easy to answer the question: Who has transferred the Sabbath, and who has had the right to do it?" George Sverdrup, A New Day.

Protestant Episcopal: "The day is now changed from the seventh to the first day... but as we meet with no Scriptural direction for the change, we may conclude it was done by the authority of the church." Explanation of Catechism.

Baptist: "The Scriptures nowhere call the first day of the week the Sabbath ... There is no Scriptural authority for so doing, nor of course, any Scriptural

obligation." The Watchman.

Presbyterian: "There is no word, no hint in the New Testament about abstaining from work on Sunday. The observance of Ash Wednesday, or Lent, stands exactly on the same footing as the observance of Sunday. Into the rest of Sunday no Divine Law enters." Canon Eyton, in *The Ten Commandments*.

Anglican: "And where are we told in the Scriptures that we are to keep the first day at all? We are commanded to keep the seventh; but we are nowhere commanded to keep the first day." Isaac Williams, *Plain Sermons on the Catechism*, pages 334, 336.

Disciples of Christ: "There is no direct Scriptural authority for designating the first day 'the Lord's Day.'" Dr. D.H. Lucas, *Christian Oracle*, January, 1890.

Methodist: "It is true that there is no positive command for infant baptism. Nor is there any for keeping holy the first day of the week. Many believe that Christ changed the Sabbath. But, from His own words, we see that He came for no such purpose. Those who believe that Jesus changed the Sabbath base it only on a supposition." Amos Binney, *Theological Compendium*, pages 180-181.

Episcopalian: "We have made the change from the seventh day to the first day, from Saturday to Sunday, on the authority of the one holy, catholic, apostolic church of Christ." Bishop Symour, *Why We keep Sunday*.

Southern Baptist: "The sacred name of the Seventh day is Sabbath. This fact is too clear to require argument (Exodus 20:i 0 quoted)... On this point the plain teaching of the Word has been admitted in all ages... Not once did the disciples apply the Sabbath law to the first day of the week-that folly was left for a later age, nor did they pretend that the first day supplanted the seventh." Joseph Judson Taylor, *The Sabbath Question*, pages 14-17,41.

American Congregationalist: "The current notion that

Christ and His apostles authoritatively substituted the first day for the seventh, is absolutely without any authority in the New Testament." Dr. Layman Abbot, in the Christian Union, June 26, 1690.

Christian Church: "Now there is no testimony in all the oracles of heaven that the Sabbath is changed, or that the Lord's Day came in the room of it." Alexander Campbell, in The Reporter, October 8, 1921.

Baptist: "To me it seems unaccountable that Jesus, during three years' discussion with His disciples, often conversing with them upon the Sabbath question, discussing it in some of its various aspects, freeing it from its false (Jewish traditional) glosses, never alluded to any transference of the day; also, that during the forty days of His resurrection life, no such thing was intimated. Nor, so far as we know, did the Spirit, which was given to bring to their remembrance all things whatsoever that He had said unto them, deal with this question. Nor yet did the inspired apostles, in preaching the gospel, founding churches, counseling and instructing those founded, discuss or approach the subject.

"Of course I quite well know that Sunday did come into use in early Christian history as a religious day, as we learn from the Christian Fathers and other sources. But what a pity that it comes branded with the mark of Paganism, and christened with the name of the sun-god, then adopted and sanctified by the Papal apostasy, and bequeathed as a sacred legacy to Protestantism." Dr. E. T. Hiscox, report of his sermon at the Baptist Minister's Convention, in New York Examiner, November 16, 1893.

Sunday sacredness is not commanded or practiced In the Bible.



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