

Lesson: 98 **The Seal of God and the Mark of Apostasy** **Part A** Volume: 9

9. Of what besides a knowledge of God as Creator, is the Sabbath a sign?

"Verily My Sabbaths ye shall keep: for it is a *sign* between Me and you throughout your generations; *that ye may know that I am the Lord that doth _____ you.*" **Exodus 31:13**

NOTE: The Sabbath is the great sign of God's creative power wherever and however manifested, whether in creation or redemption; for redemption is **creation - re-creation**. It requires the same power to redeem that it does to create. "**Create in me a clean heart.**" **Psalms 51:10.** "**For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works,**" **Ephesians 2:10.** At each recurrence of the Sabbath, God designs that it shall call Him to mind as the One who created us, and whose grace and sanctifying power are working in us to fit us for His eternal kingdom.

10. What scripture shows that a special sealing work is to take place just before the letting loose of the winds of destruction upon the earth?

"And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree. And I saw another angel ascending from the east, *having the _____ of the living _____*: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, saying, *_____ not the earth, neither the _____, nor the _____, till we have _____ the _____ of our God in their _____*. And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel." **Revelation 7:1-4.**
See Ezekiel 9:1-6

11. Where did the apostle see this same company a little later, and what did they have in their foreheads?

"And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood *on the _____ Sion*, and with Him an hundred forty and four thousand, *having His _____ name _____ in their _____*." **Revelation 14:1**



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"And Jesus increased in wisdom (Mental) and stature (Physical & Spiritual), and in favor with God (Spiritual) and man (Social)." **Luke 2:52**

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1. What does the Bible present as the object of a sign, or seal?

"Now, O king, *establish* the decree, and _____ the _____, that it be not _____." **Daniel 6:8**

NOTE: That is, affix the signature of royalty, that it may have the proper authority, and thus be of force. Anciently it was customary for kings to use a ring, containing their name, initials, or monogram, for this purpose. Jezebel, the wife of Ahab, "wrote letters in Ahab's name, and sealed them with his seal." **1 Kings 21:8**. Of the decree issued under Ahasuerus for the slaying of all the Jews throughout the Persian Empire it is said that "in the name of King Ahasuerus was it written, and sealed with the king's ring." **Esther 3:12**

2. What are the three essentials to an official seal?

To be complete, an official seal must show three things: **(1)** The name of the lawgiver; **(2)** his official position, title, or authority, and so his right to rule; and **(3)** his kingdom, or the extent of his dominion and jurisdiction. Thus: "Barack Obama, President of the United States," "George IV, King of Great Britain," "Nicholas II, Czar of Russia."

3. With what is God's seal connected?

"Bind up the testimony, _____ THE LAW among My _____." **Isaiah 8:16**

4. Does the first commandment show who the author of the law is?

"Thou shalt have no other gods before _____." **Exodus 20:3**

NOTE: Who the "me" here spoken of is, the commandment itself does not state. Such a prohibition might come from any source. Any heathen could claim it as a command from his god, and, so far as the commandment itself goes, no one could disprove his claim.

5. Does the second, third, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, or tenth commandment indicate the author of the decalogue?

No; none of them.

NOTE: The second commandment forbids the making of and bowing down to images, but does not in itself reveal who the true God is. The third commandment says, "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain," but it likewise fails to reveal the true God and giver of the law. A worshiper of the sun might say he kept this commandment so far as it itself reveals what god is meant. So of the other commandments here referred to. In the last five commandments the name of God is not even mentioned.

6. Which commandment alone of the decalogue reveals the true God and Author of the law?

"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord 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: for in six days *the Lord* _____ *heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is*, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it." **Exodus 20:8-11**

NOTE: The fourth commandment alone reveals the *name, authority, and dominion* of the Author of this law. In six days, **(1)** the Lord (**name**); **(2)** made (**office, Creator**); **(3)** *heaven and earth* (**dominion**). This commandment alone, therefore, contains "**the seal of the living God**." By what is revealed in this commandment is shown what God is referred to in the other commandments. By the great truth revealed here all other gods are shown to be false gods. The Sabbath commandment, therefore, contains the seal of God; and the Sabbath itself, the observance of which is enjoined by the commandment, is inseparably connected with this seal; it is to be kept in memory of the fact that God is the Creator of all things; and it is itself called a "**sign**" of the knowledge of this great truth. **Exodus 31:17; Ezekiel 20:20.**

7. What reason does God give for the Sabbath being an everlasting sign between Him and His people?

"It is a _____ between Me and the children of Israel forever: *for in* _____ *days the Lord* _____ *heaven and earth, and on the seventh day He* _____, and was _____." **Exodus 31:17**

NOTE: The Sabbath is the sign, or mark, or seal, of the true God, the Creator.

8. Of what does God say the keeping or hallowing of the Sabbath is a sign?

"And hallow My Sabbaths; and they shall be a *sign* between Me and you, that ye may _____ that I am the _____ your God." **Ezekiel 20:20**

