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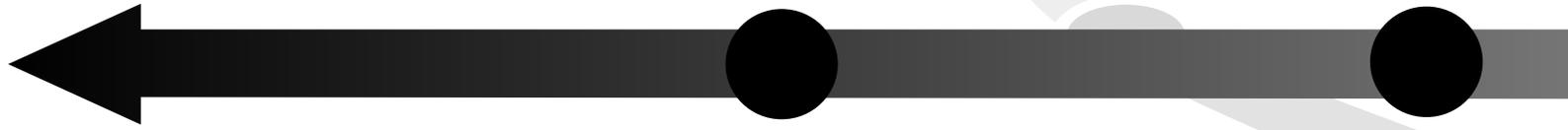




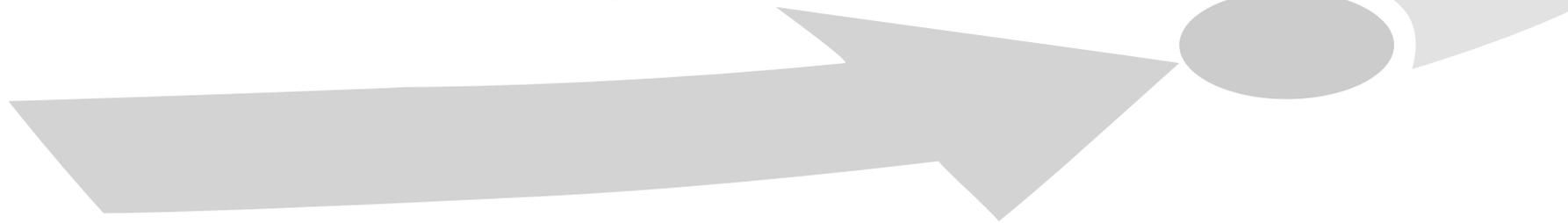
**The meeting you miss**

FACTS  HOPE

**His Time ~ My Test**



**Stand•Points**



A sunset over the ocean with the word "Sabbath" in large, golden, 3D letters. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright glow and reflecting on the water. The sky is filled with soft, golden clouds. The word "Sabbath" is centered in the middle of the image, rendered in a bold, sans-serif font with a slight shadow, giving it a three-dimensional appearance.

**Sabbath**

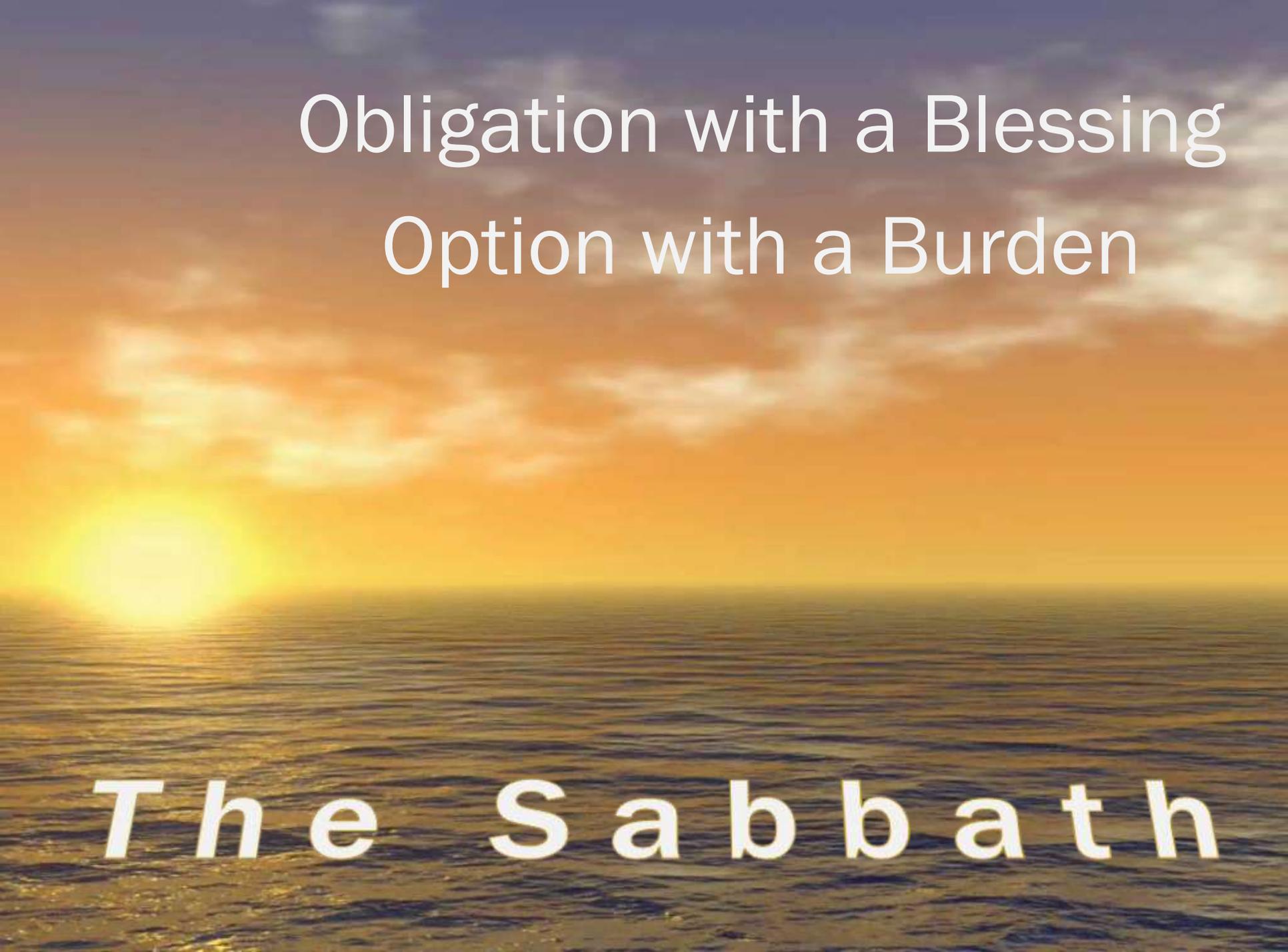


A sunset over the ocean with the word "Sunday?" in large, 3D yellow letters. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright glow and reflecting on the water. The sky is filled with soft, orange and yellow clouds. The water is dark blue with gentle ripples.

**Sunday?**

Time Space Matter



A sunset over the ocean with a bright sun on the left and a colorful sky transitioning from orange to blue. The text is overlaid on the image.

Obligation with a Blessing  
Option with a Burden

*The Sabbath*

# CREATION



Forming	Filling
<b>Day 1:</b> Light	<b>Day 4:</b> Sun, Moon, Stars
<b>Day 2:</b> Water, Atmosphere	<b>Day 5:</b> Fish, Birds
<b>Day 3:</b> Land, Vegetation	<b>Day 6:</b> Animals, Humans

## Sabbath



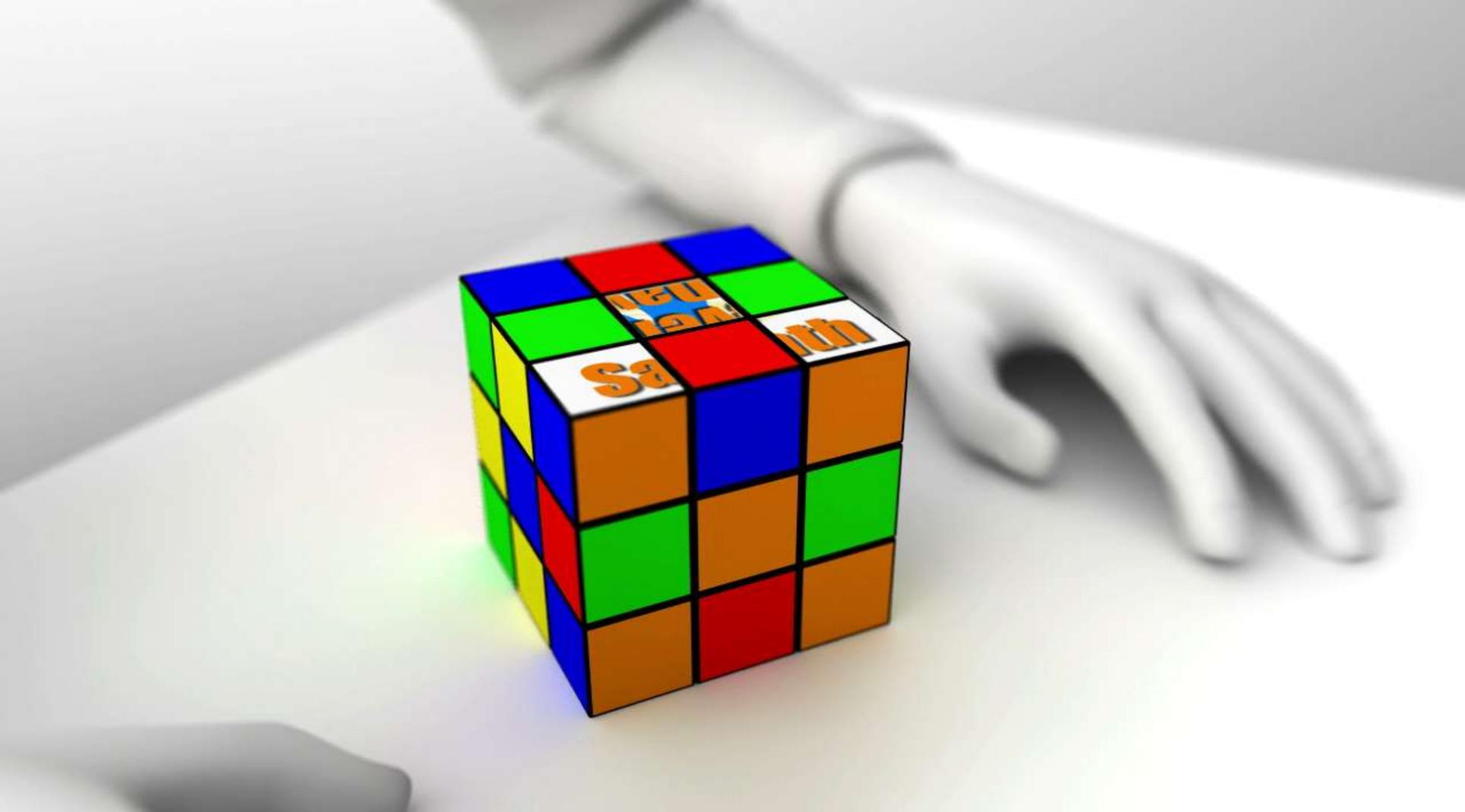
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# “S-B-T”

Genesis 1:31-2:3

5x!

to cease from a  
previous activity





# Sabbath before Sinai

Exodus 16:19-29

4x during Exodus (“Manna”)

**Purpose: God-Focus**

# The Sabbath in the Ten Commandments: Ex 20:8-11

“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

9 Six days you shall labor and do all your work, 10 but the seventh day *is* the Sabbath of the LORD your God. *In it* you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who *is* within your gates.

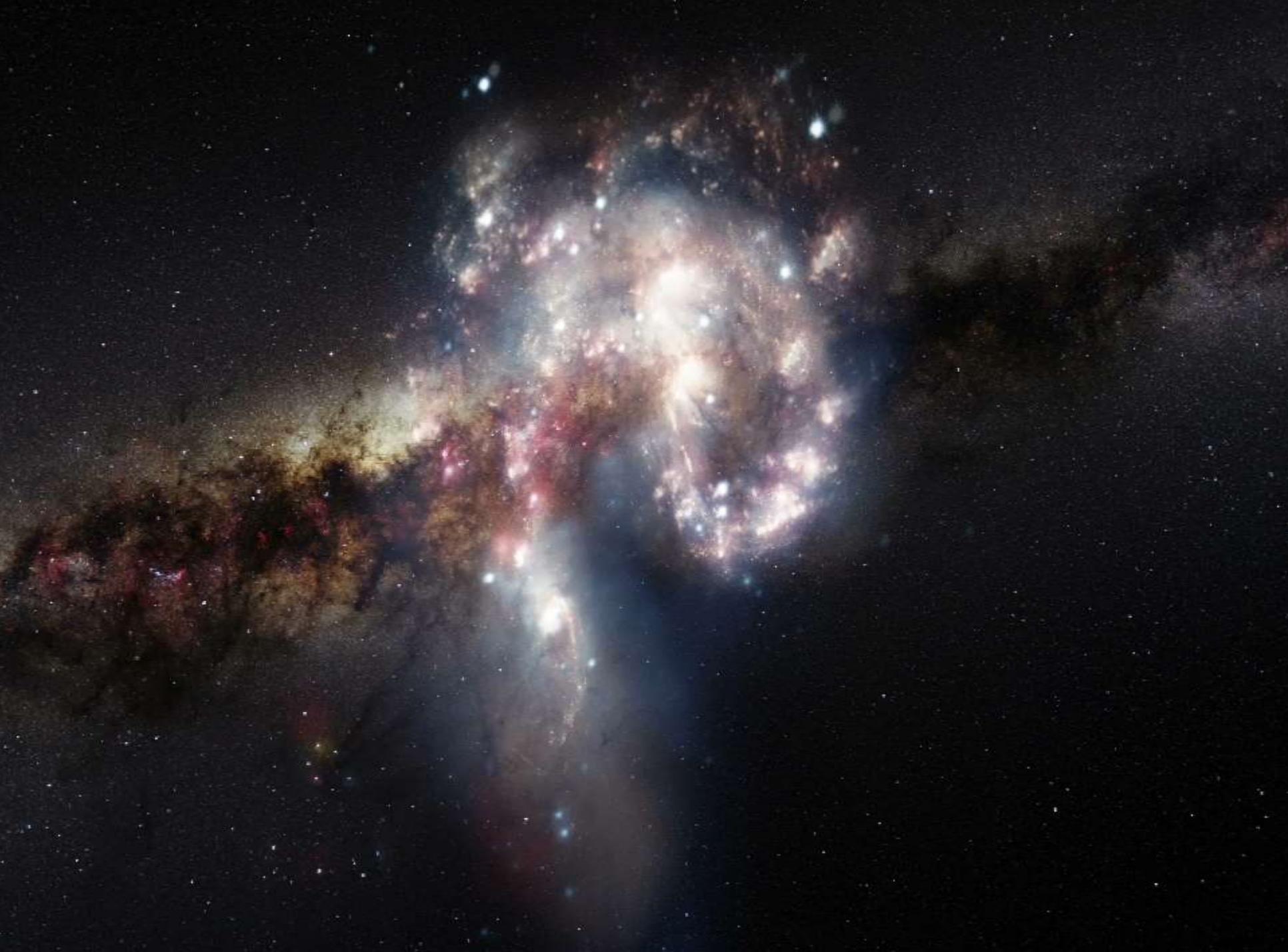
**11 For *in* six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that *is* in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.” (NKJV)**

# Observations

Most words

Positive ~~“Thou shalt not”~~

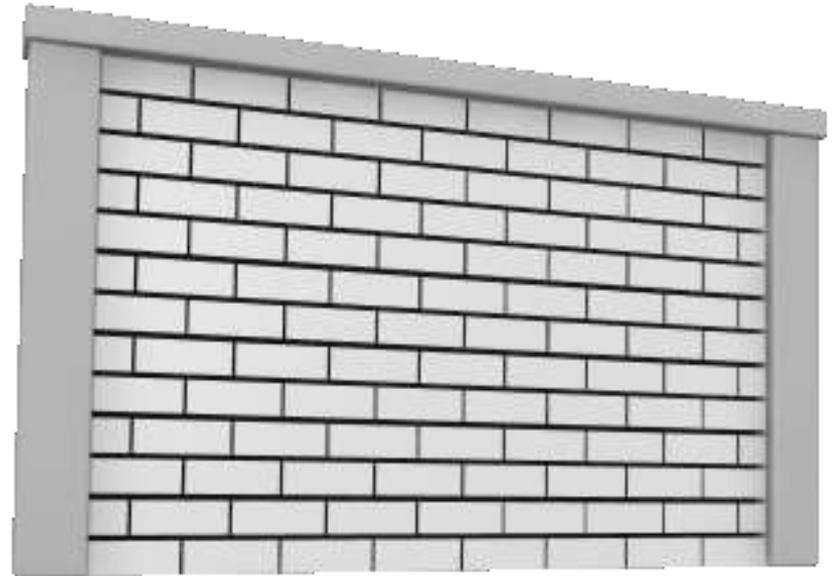




# The Sabbath in the Ten Commandments: Deuteronomy 5:12-15

“Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. 13 Six days you shall labor and do all your work, 14 but the seventh day *is* the Sabbath of the LORD your God. *In it* you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your ox, nor your donkey, nor any of your cattle, nor your stranger who *is* within your gates, that your male servant and your female servant may rest as well as you. 15 And remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there by a mighty hand and by an outstretched arm; therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day.” NKJV

# Egypt



# The Sabbath as Exodus Experience

Ex 23:12

“refresh”

Ex 34:21

~~“agricultural exemption”~~

Ex 35:2-3

death penalty!



**Leviticus 23:32**

**From sunset to sunset**

## 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 doing your own ways, Nor finding your own pleasure, Nor speaking *your own* words, 14 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.”

# SIGNificance

## Ezekiel 20:12

“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.”

# Closed Doors

**Nehemiah 13:15-16**

“So it was, at the gates of Jerusalem, as it began to be dark before the Sabbath, that I commanded the gates to be shut, and charged that they must not be opened till after the Sabbath. Then I posted *some* of my servants at the gates, so *that* no burdens would be brought in on the Sabbath day.”

# Jesus in Synagogue



Mk 1:21; 6:2; Lk 4:16, 31; 13:10

# Sabbath in the New Testament

Matthew 24:20

“Pray that your flight may not be in winter or on a Sabbath.”

A.D. 31

X



A.D. 70

X





# “Lord of the Sabbath”

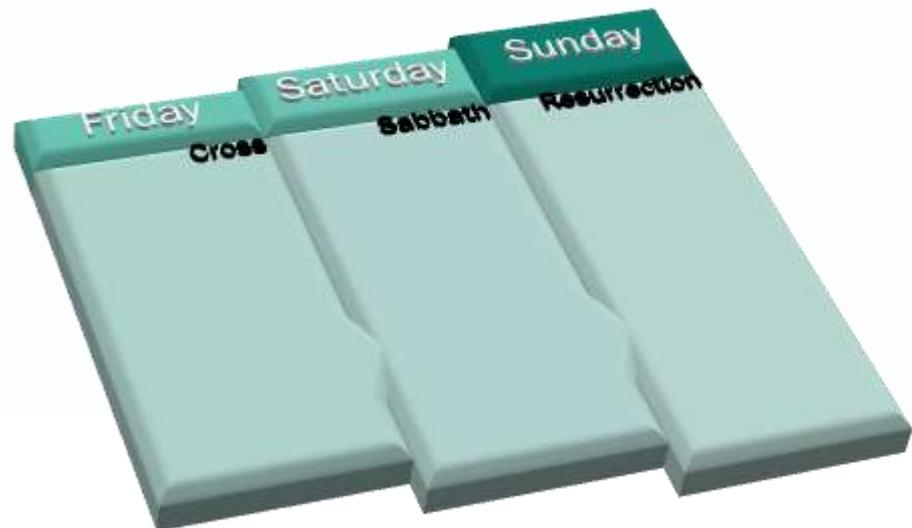


“Jesus was going through the grain fields on a Sabbath, and his disciples began to pick some heads of wheat as they made their way. 24 So the Pharisees said to him, “Look, why are they doing what is against the law on the Sabbath?” 25 He said to them, “Have you never read what David did when he was in need and he and his companions were hungry— 26 how he entered the house of God when Abiathar was high priest and ate the sacred bread, which is against the law for any but the priests to eat, and also gave it to his companions?” 27 Then he said to them, “The Sabbath was made for people, not people for the Sabbath. 28 **For this reason the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath.**”

(Mk 2:27-28)

# Sabbath and the Cross

“It was the day of preparation and the Sabbath was beginning. 55 The women who had accompanied Jesus from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid in it. 56 Then they returned and prepared aromatic spices and perfumes. On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment” (Luke 23:54-56).



# Sabbath in the Book of Acts

**Acts 13:14, 42-44**

**Acts 16:12,13**

**Acts 17:2 (Thessalonica)**

**Acts 18:4 (Corinth)**

**Acts 20:7 (Sat. night or Sunday)**

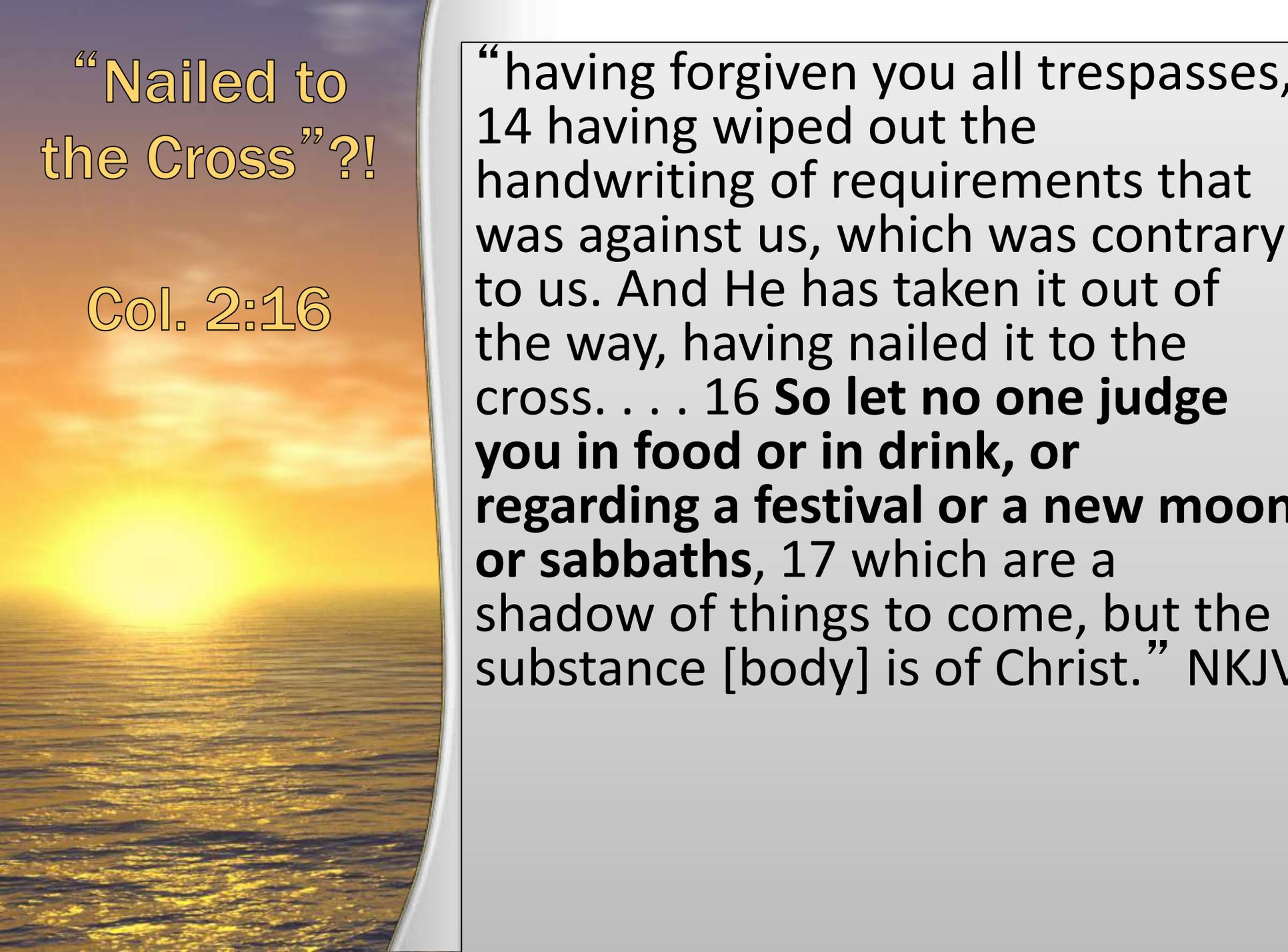
# 1 Corinthians 16:1-2

Greek: παρ' ἑαυτῷ

KJV: lay by him in store

NKJV: lay something aside

“On the first day of the week, each of you should set aside **by himself** some income and save it to the extent that God has blessed you, so that a collection will not have to be made when I come.”



“Nailed to  
the Cross”?!

Col. 2:16

“having forgiven you all trespasses,  
14 having wiped out the  
handwriting of requirements that  
was against us, which was contrary  
to us. And He has taken it out of  
the way, having nailed it to the  
cross. . . . 16 **So let no one judge  
you in food or in drink, or  
regarding a festival or a new moon  
or sabbaths,** 17 which are a  
shadow of things to come, but the  
substance [body] is of Christ.” NKJV



# Sequence: Yearly – Monthly - Weekly

2 Chron 2:4; 31:3; Neh 10:33; Eze 45:17; Hos 2:11

**Sacrificial Sabbath gone**

**Creation Sabbath remains**

# Albert Barnes (Presbyterian)

“There is no evidence from this passage that he [Paul] would teach that there was no obligation to observe *any* holy time, for there is not the slightest reason to believe that he meant to teach that one of the ten commandments had ceased to be binding on mankind. . . . He had his eye on the great number of days which were observed by the Hebrews as festivals, as a part of their ceremonial and typical law, and not to the *moral* law, or the ten commandments. No part of the moral law—no one of the ten commandments could be spoken of as ‘*a shadow* of good things to come.’ These commandments are, from the nature of moral law, of perpetual and universal application”  
(quoted in SDABC 7:206).

## Hebrews 4: 4, 9-10

For he has spoken somewhere about the seventh day in this way: "And God rested on the seventh day from all his works" . . .

Consequently a Sabbath rest remains for the people of God. 10 For the one who enters God's rest has also rested from his works, just as God did from his own works."

1. Genesis
2. "remains"
3. God's rest

**Hebrews 4:11** "Thus we must make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by following the same pattern of disobedience."



# Revelation 1:10

“I, John, your brother and the one who shares with you in the persecution, kingdom, and endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony about Jesus.

**10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day** when I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet . . . ”

Who?

What?

Why?

Where?

When

# The Sabbath in History



80 A.D.    290 A.D.    300 A.D.    310 A.D.    320 A.D.    330 A.D.    340 A.D.    350 A.D.    360 A.D.    370 A.D.    380 A.D.

## Nicene, Post-Nicene Fathers

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Epiphanius

Edict of Milan

Athanasius the Great Bishop of Alex.

Basil the Great

Gregory Nazianzen

Jerome

Ambrose

(?) Lactantius dies

John Chrysostom

Augustine

Council of Nicaea, Nicene Creed

(?) Council of Laodicea

Christianity

Council of

Persecution under Diocletian and Galerius

and reactions

Apollinaria



Diocletian

Constantine

Battle of the Milvian Bridge

Constantinople made capital

Julian the Apostate



# Edict of Constantine, March 7, 321

“On the venerable Day of the Sun let the magistrates and people residing in cities rest, and let all workshops be closed. In the country, however, persons engaged in agriculture may freely and lawfully continue their pursuits; because it often happens that another day is not so suitable for grain-sowing or for vine-planting; lest by neglecting the proper moment for such operations the bounty of heaven should be lost.”



arta Encyclopedia, Hulton Getty

# Laodicea, A.D. 364

- Council encourages Sabbath + Sunday keeping
- 5<sup>th</sup> century (~439), Socrates Scholasticus :

“Although almost all churches throughout the world celebrate the sacred mysteries [the Lord’s Supper] on the sabbath of every week, yet the Christians of Alexandria and at Rome, on account of some ancient tradition, have ceased to do this.” Ecclesiastical History, 5:22

## Sozomen (440 A.D.)

“the people of Constantinople, and almost everywhere, assembled together on the Sabbath, as well as on the first day of the week, which custom is never observed at Rome or at Alexandria.”

*Ecclesiastical History, 7:19*

# Saint Catherine Catholic Church “Sentinel”

## May 21, 1995

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## Pastor's Page

Our Lord really simplified things when He said that the new law consisted in only two parts; love God and love neighbor. In the Hebrew Scriptures there were hundreds of laws that governed things in minutest detail. And the early Christians, most of whom were Jewish, had to really struggle with change. Some thought that many of the old laws should be carried over into the new Testament.

And, when we come to apply the Lord's commandments to concrete situations, we have to specify about particulars. So, the very early Church, without a long tradition, decreed that nobody should be overburdened, but idolatry, that is, taking part in pagan sacrifices, and sins against chastity are clearly against loving God and neighbor.

The Church has always had a strong sense of its own authority. "Whatever you bind on earth is bound in heaven", Jesus said.

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With a long long period of practice and reflection, Church law developed and changed with changing circumstances. It takes a fair amount of wisdom and study to know in detail the various Church laws. The latest revision of our Catholic Church law took place about 15 years ago, some time after the Vatican Council.

The law of Christ is always primary: we must love God

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## Ascension Thursday

May 25, 1995

Masses: 9:15 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

# 1977 Convert's Catechism of Catholic Doctrine

- Q: Which is the Sabbath day?
- A: Saturday is the Sabbath day.
- Q: Why do we observe Sunday instead of Saturday?
- A: We observe Sunday instead of Saturday *because the Catholic church transferred the solemnity from Saturday to Sunday.*

# John A. O' Brien (R.C.)

“The custom of Sunday observance 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.”

# How to keep the Sabbath holy



“More than Israel has kept the Sabbath,  
the Sabbath has kept Israel.”

Abraham Heschel

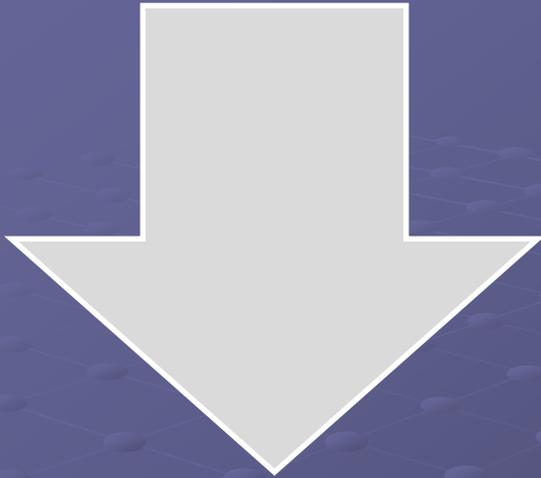


# Jewish Practice

- Don't tie/untie knot, unless with one hand
- Don't spit on ground
- Don't carry metal objects through metal detector
- Don't write (except with foot or elbow)
- Eat egg laid on Sabbath?
- "A Sabbath day journey = 2,000 cubits
- Don't carry a chair, unless child sits on it







Rules



Relationship



Shabbat Shalom







1. Plan & Prepare

2. Pray & Pause

3. People & Perspectives

# Friday: “Preparation Day”

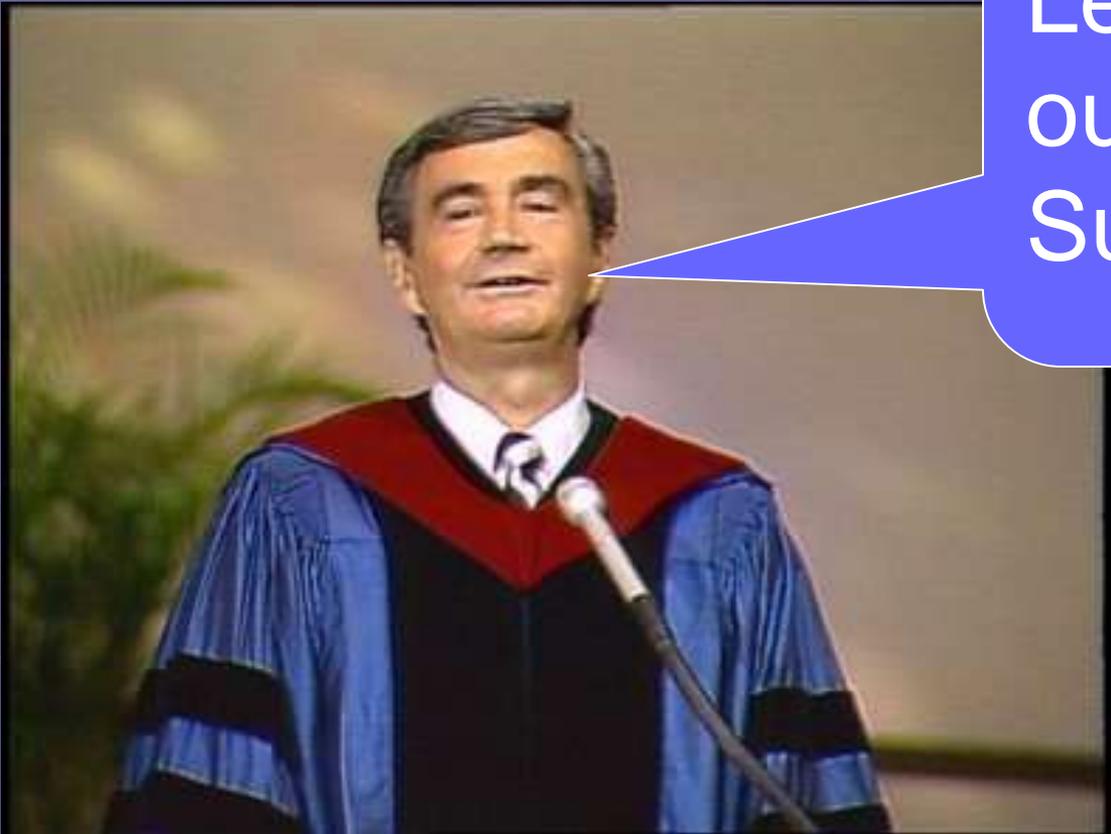
“Now when evening had already come, since it was the day of preparation (that is, the day before the Sabbath)” (Mt 15:42)

“It was the day of preparation and the Sabbath was beginning” (Lk 23:54)

## Check-List

- Clean
- Prepare (food)
- Money
- “Off”
- Extra sleep
- Get up in time

# Pastor James Kennedy



Let's not go  
out to eat on  
Sunday!

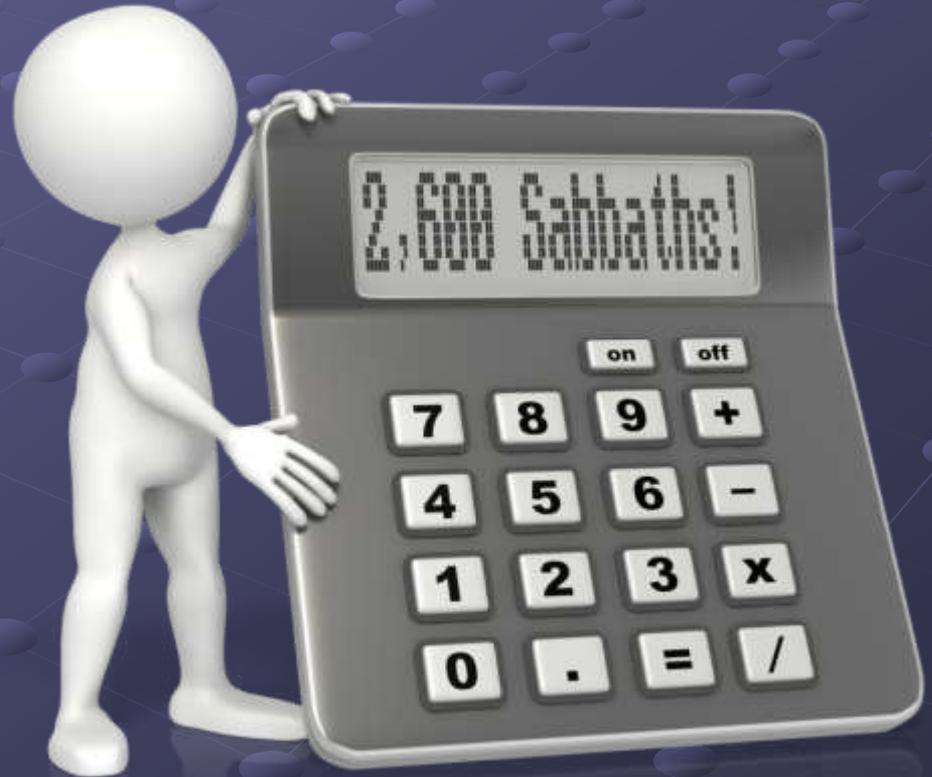


Do the math . . .

Life time ~ 50 years

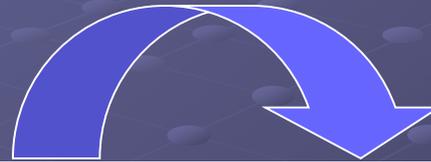
$50 \times 52$

$= 7 \text{ years!}$



# Calendar change?

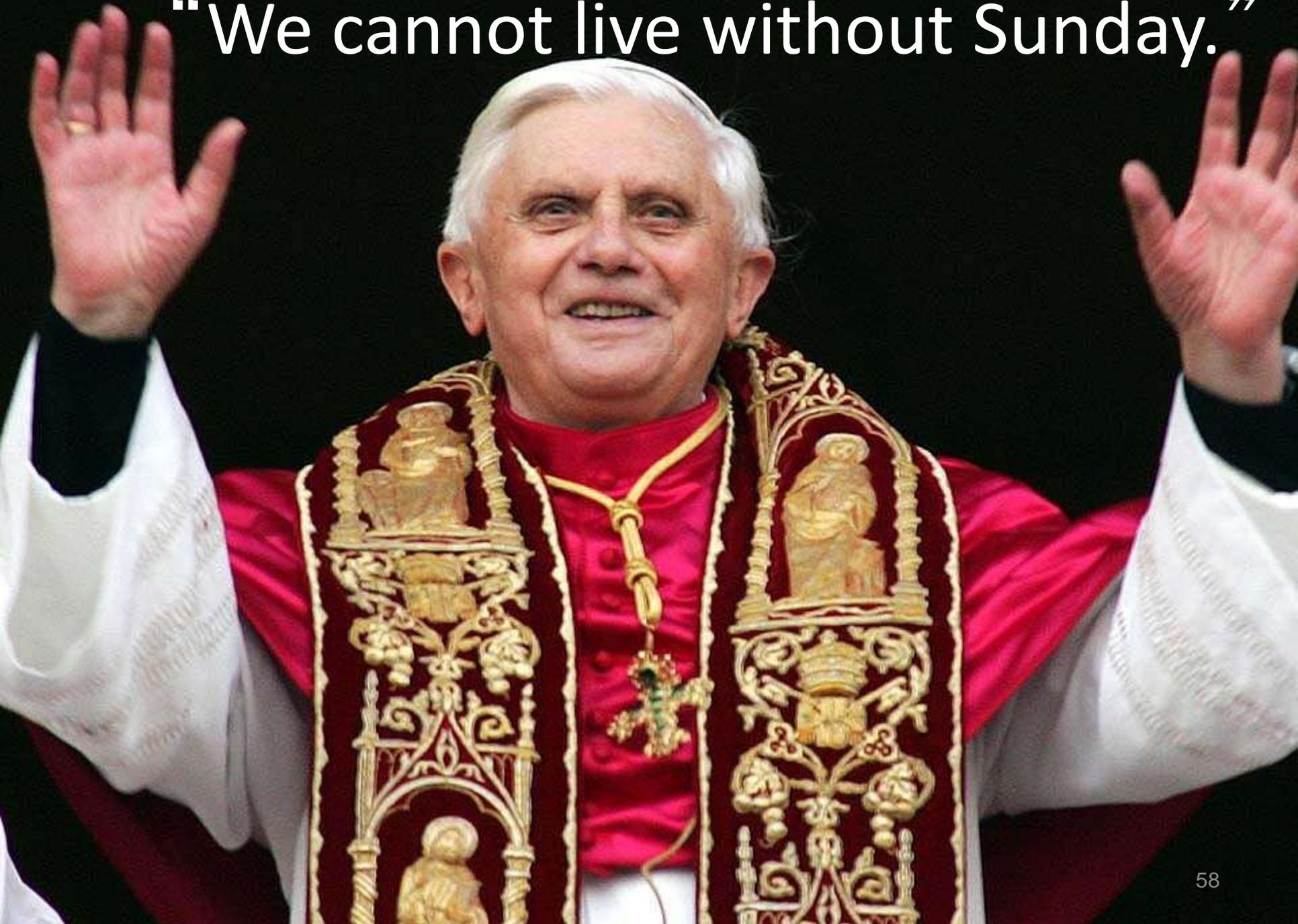
Pope Gregory XIII decree, 1582: 10 days dropped!



Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
October 3	October 4	October 15	October 16



“We cannot live without Sunday.”





“Jesus has no intention of abrogating the Ten Commandments. On the contrary, he reinforces them.”

*Jesus*, p. 71



# The Pope on the Sabbath

“At this point, the question arises for the Christian: Was it a good idea to jeopardize the great social function of the Sabbath, to break up Israel’s sacred order for the sake of a community of disciples that is defined, as it were, solely in terms of the figure of Jesus? This question could and can be clarified only within the emerging community of disciples—the Church.”

J. Ratzinger, *Jesus*, 112





# Resurrection?

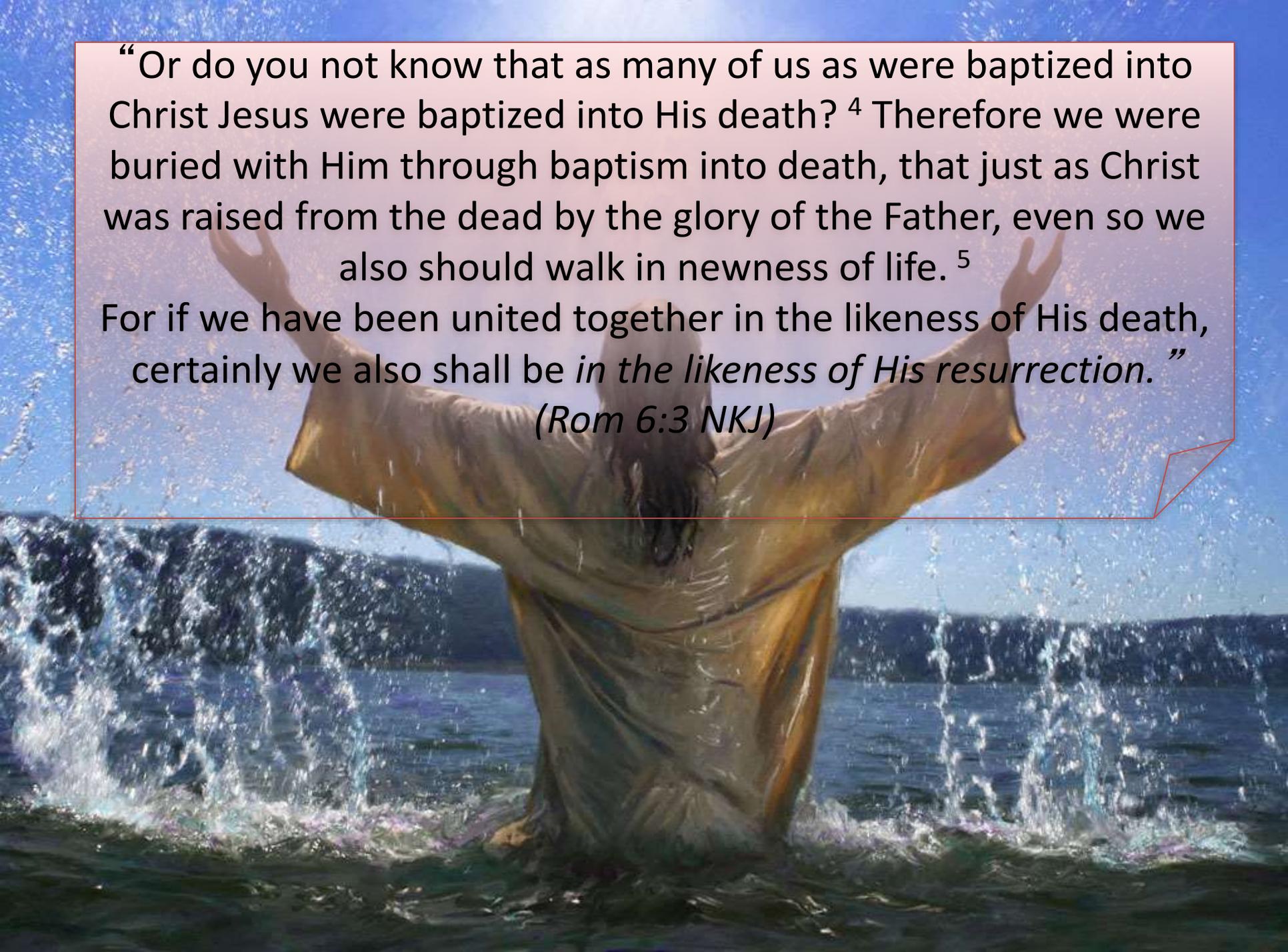


“We cannot enter into this discussion here. The Resurrection of Jesus ‘on the first day of the week’ meant that for Christians this ‘first day’ – the beginning of the creation – became the ‘Lord’s day.’ The essential elements of the Old Testament Sabbath then naturally passed over to the Lord’s day in the context of table fellowship with Jesus.” J. Ratzinger, *Jesus*, 112

“Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? <sup>4</sup> Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. <sup>5</sup>

For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be *in the likeness of His resurrection.*”

(Rom 6:3 NKJ)



# Heaven's Seven . . . 7

“Likewise it soon became clear that the essential content of the Sabbath had to be reinterpreted in terms of the Lord's day. The fight for Sunday is another of the Church's major concerns in the present day, when there is so much to upset the rhythm of time that sustains community.”

J. Ratzinger, *Jesus*, 121

“The Sabbath is the goal of creation,  
and it shows what creation is for.  
The world exists, in other words, because  
God wanted to create a zone of response to  
his love, a zone of obedience and  
freedom.” Ratzinger, *Jesus*, p. 83





# Origin of Weekdays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednes.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sun	Moon	Tius Norse god of war	Teutonic mythology Woden	Thor god of thunder	Frigg Norse god of love	Roman day of Saturn = Shabbat



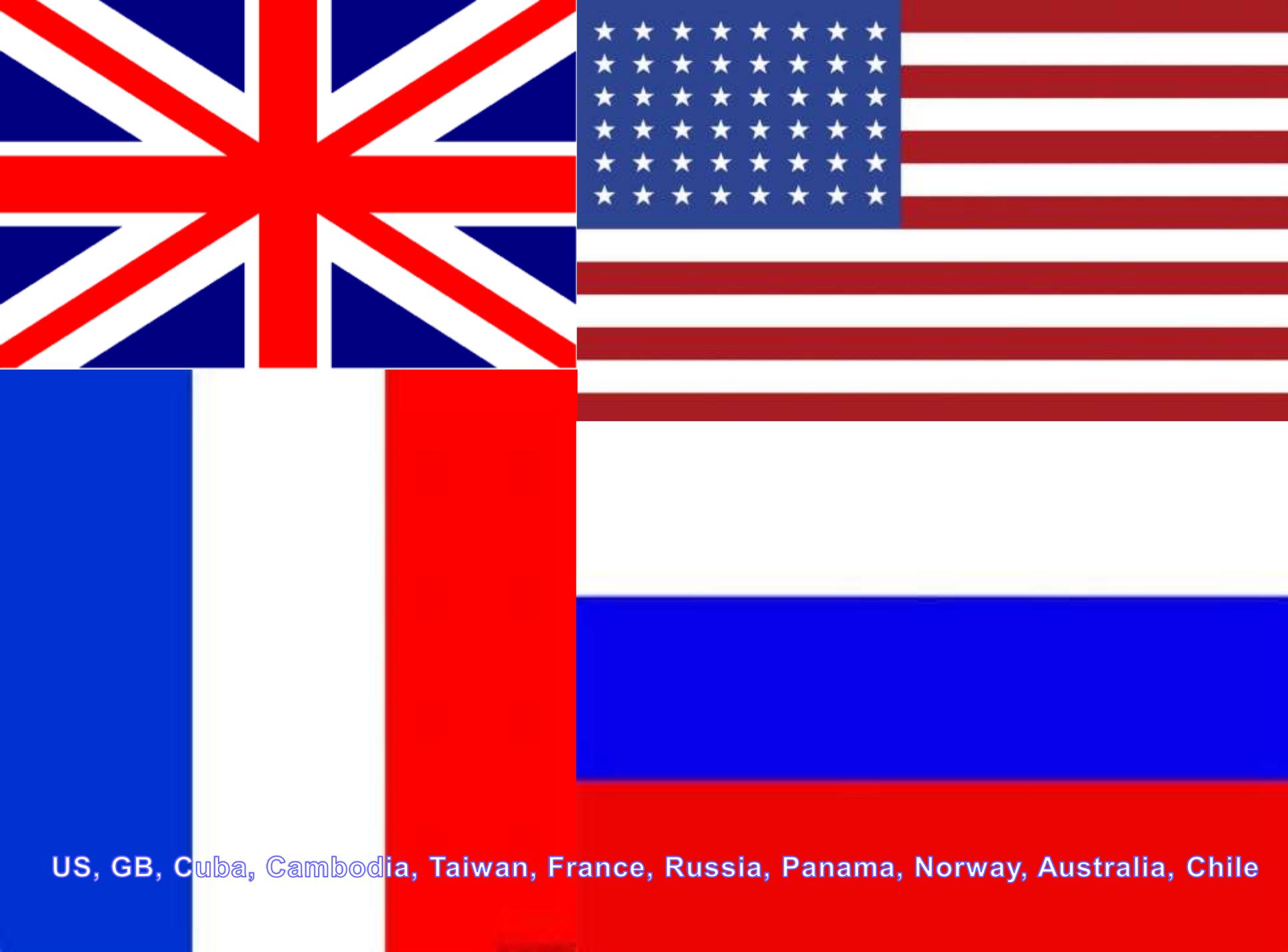
# “I worship God every day”

Genesis 2:3 And God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.



Exodus 20:8-9

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US, GB, Cuba, Cambodia, Taiwan, France, Russia, Panama, Norway, Australia, Chile

“mid-heaven” = GLOBAL



# Loud Voice

Rev 5:2, 12; 6:10; 7:2, 10;

8:13; 10:3; 14:7, 9, 15, 18; 16:17; 19:7



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ἀνθρώπων ἀπαρχὴ τῷ θεῷ καὶ τῷ ἀρνίῳ, 5 καὶ ἐν τῷ  
στόματι αὐτῶν οὐκ εἶρέθη ψεῦδος, ἄμιμOI εἰσι·  
investigation

The Messages of the Three Angels

6 Καὶ εἶδον ἄλλον ἄγγελον<sup>3</sup> πετόμενον ἐν μεσουρανή-  
ματι, ἔχοντα εἰσαγγελίον αἰῶνον εἰσαγγέλισαι ἐπὶ τοῖς  
καθημένοις ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς καὶ ἐπὶ πᾶν ἔθνος καὶ φυλὴν  
καὶ γλῶσσαν καὶ λαόν, 7 λέγων ἐν φωνῇ μεγάλῃ, Φοβή-  
θητε τὸν θεὸν καὶ δοτε αὐτῷ δόξαν, ὅτι ἦλθεν ἡ ὥρα τῆς  
κρίσεως αὐτοῦ, καὶ προσκυνήσατε τῷ ποιῶσαντι τὸν  
οὐρανὸν καὶ τὴν γῆν καὶ θάλασσαν καὶ πηγὰς ὕδατων·

8 Καὶ ἄλλος ἄγγελος δευτέρος<sup>4</sup> ἠκολούθησεν λέγων,  
Ἐπεσεν ἔπεσεν Βαβυλὼν ἡ μεγάλη ἢ ἐκ τοῦ οἴνου τοῦ → 13-2  
θυμοῦ τῆς πορνείας αὐτῆς πεπότικεν πάντα τὰ ἔθνη·

9 Καὶ ἄλλος ἄγγελος τρίτος ἠκολούθησεν αὐτοῖς λέγων  
ἐν φωνῇ μεγάλῃ, Εἴ τις προσκυνεῖ τὸ θηρίον καὶ τὴν  
εἰκόνα αὐτοῦ καὶ λαμβάνει χάραγμα ἐπὶ τοῦ μετώπου  
αὐτοῦ ἢ ἐπὶ τὴν χεῖρα αὐτοῦ, 10 καὶ αὐτὸς πίνεται ἐκ  
τοῦ οἴνου τοῦ θυμοῦ τοῦ θεοῦ τοῦ κεκερασμένου ἀκράτου  
ἐν τῷ ποτηρίῳ τῆς ὀργῆς αὐτοῦ καὶ βασανισθήσεται

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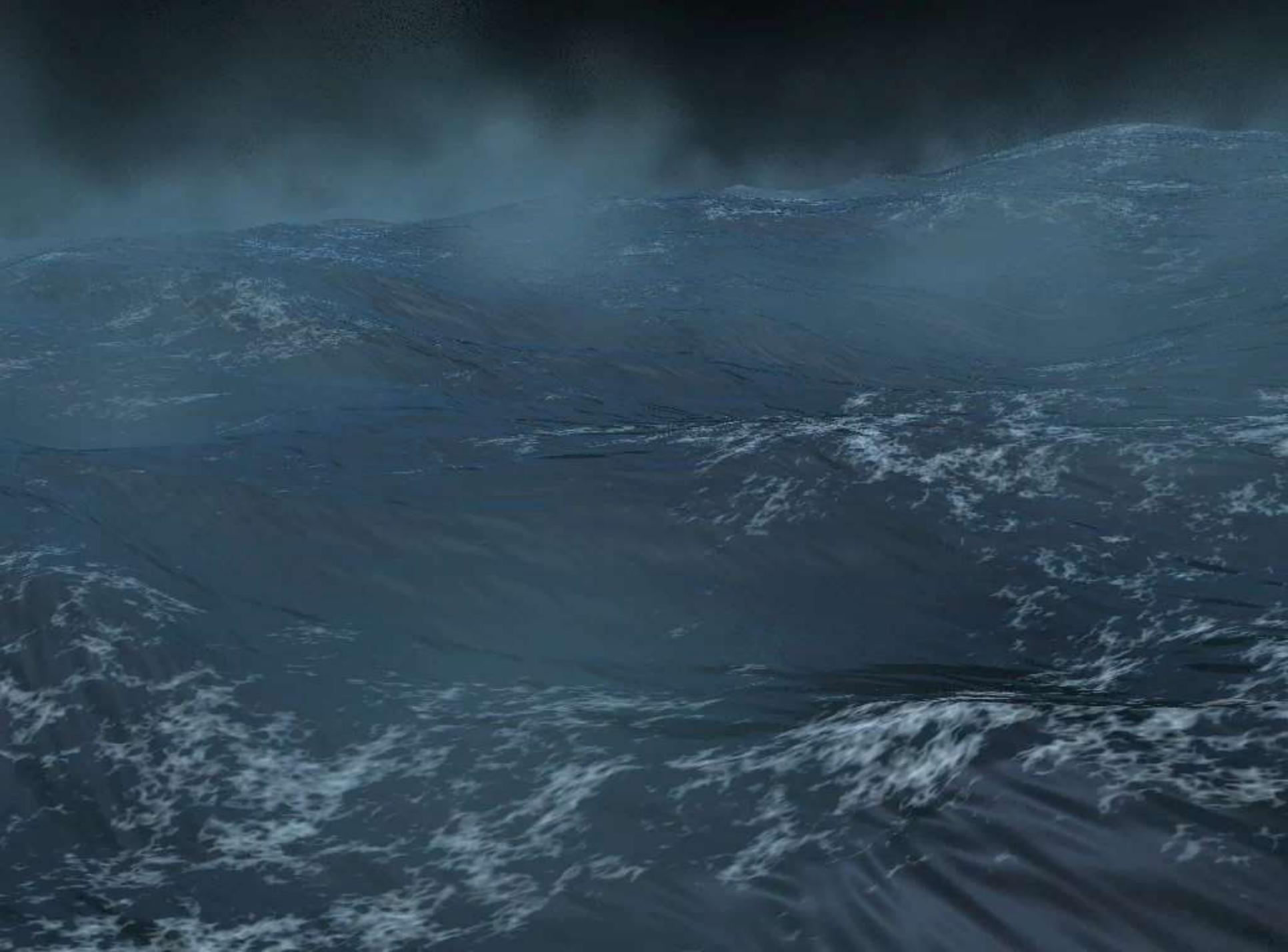
# The 3 Angels Message

## Rev 14:7

“Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who **made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water.**”

## Ex 20:11

For in six days the LORD **made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them**, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.



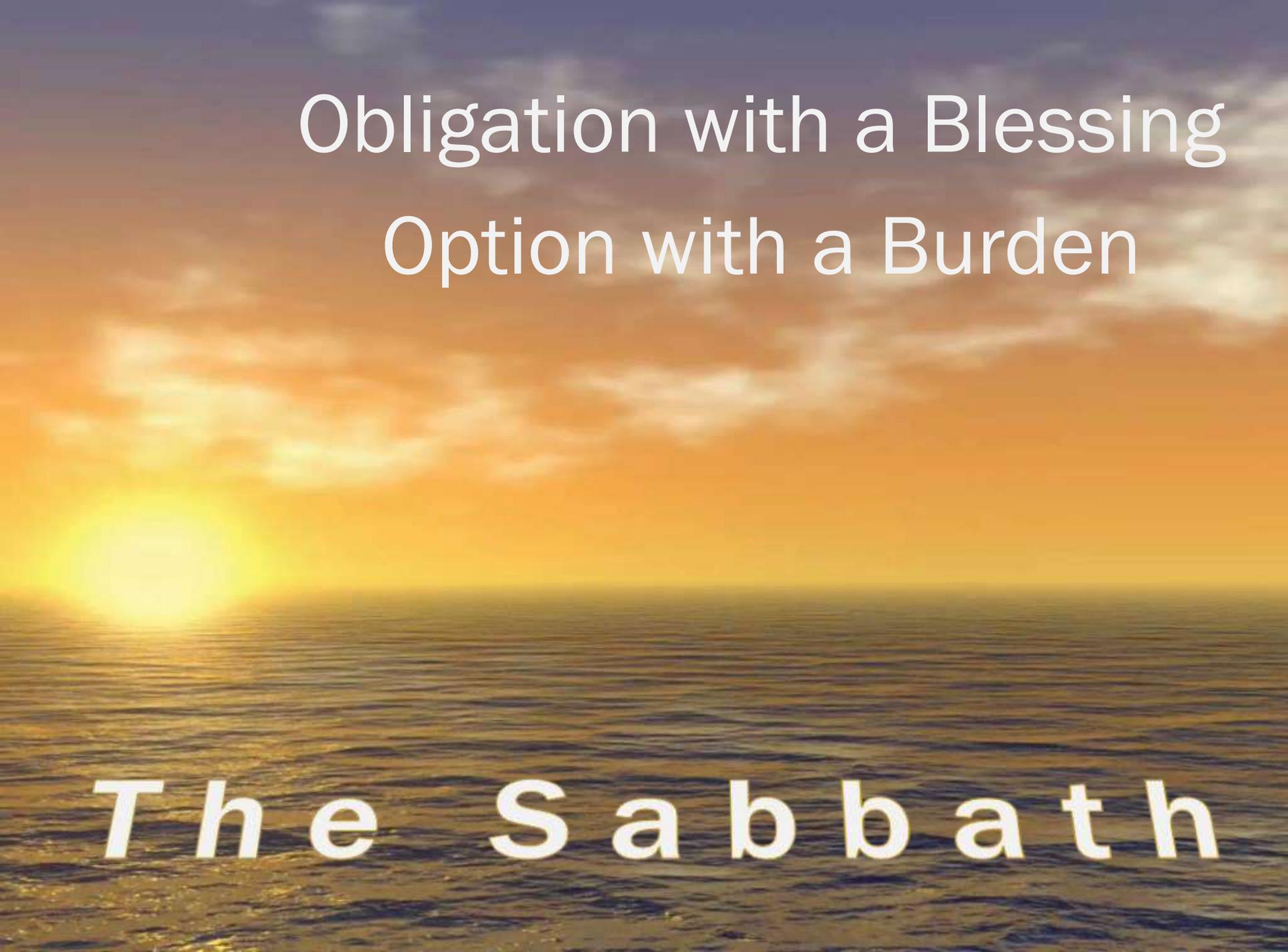
# “every nation” Rev 14:6

“And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made **all nations** drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication” (Rev 14:8).

# A Sabbath Blog

# My Sabbath Journey



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