

# SECRETS OF THE MOST HOLY PLACE, PART 2

## The Eternal Foundation of God's Character and Government

AS WE SAW IN OUR PREVIOUS STUDY, the book of Revelation opens to our view the Most Holy Place of the heavenly temple, calling our attention to the ark of the covenant and the Ten Commandment Law of God it contains. Then Revelation shows us that God will have a people at the end time that keep His commandments; they will uphold and obey God's Law. In contrast, the antichrist power is revealed as attempting to change God's Law and in so doing to direct allegiance and worship to itself. In this study we will explore the specific attack of the antichrist on God's holy Law.

### Worship Is The Central Issue in Revelation

**Revelation 4:11**— You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for You \_\_\_\_\_ all things, and by Your will they exist and were \_\_\_\_\_.

**Revelation 5:12**— Worthy is the Lamb who was \_\_\_\_\_ to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing!

In **Revelation 13 and 14** the word "worship" occurs 8 times. Seven of those times we are warned about the worship of the antichrist, and one time we are called to worship the one true God. The antichrist will seek to interpose itself between God and people with deception and force, to exalt itself to the place of receiving human loyalty against God and His word. The end-time issue clearly is one of true versus false worship.

### The Antichrist Attempts To Change God's Law

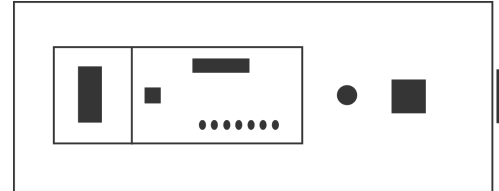
In **Daniel 7:25** prophecy foretold that the antichrist would attempt to \_\_\_\_\_ God's Law. In **2 Thessalonians 2:7-9** Paul specifically identified the antichrist as "the mystery of lawlessness...the lawless one." Prophecy says we must expect to find that the antichrist will tamper with God's Law. And that is exactly what we do find. There are two changes the Roman Church has attempted to make to God's holy Law, and they just happen to be the two commandments that deal with the matter of worship: the second commandment and the fourth.

### The Omitted Second Commandment

**Exodus 20:4-5**—<sup>4</sup> You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; <sup>5</sup> you shall not bow down to them nor serve them.

### The Changed Fourth Commandment

**Exodus 20:8-11**—<sup>8</sup> Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. <sup>9</sup> Six days you shall labor and do all your work, <sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> For *in* six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that *is* in them, and rested seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.



**NOTE:** "worship" is a word that derives from *worth* as its root. It means to ascribe supreme *value, loyalty and obedience*. The Bible puts forth two reasons why the true God should be worshipped: because He created us and because He has saved us.

**NOTE:** The Roman Church has omitted the second commandment in order to validate (1) The veneration of the Pope as God the Holy Father on earth. (2) The claim that the Pope and the priesthood he authorizes possess power to forgive/absolve sins. (3) The claim that Mary and the Saints are to be venerated, offered prayers, and appealed to as mediators. (4) The veneration of images, statues, crucifixes and relics.

**NOTE:** "The Church, on the other hand, after changing the day of rest from the Jewish Sabbath, or seventh day of the week, to the first, made the Third Commandment refer to Sunday as the day to be kept holy as the Lord's Day." (*The Catholic Encyclopedia*).

**NOTE:** From *The Convert's Catechism of Catholic Doctrine*, p. 50—"Question: Which is the Sabbath day? Answer: Saturday is the Sabbath day. Question: Why do we observe Sunday instead of Saturday? Answer: We observe Sunday instead of Saturday because the Catholic Church transferred the solemnity from Saturday to Sunday."

**Genesis 2:1-3**—<sup>1</sup> Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished. <sup>2</sup> And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He \_\_\_\_\_ on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. <sup>3</sup> Then God \_\_\_\_\_ the seventh day and \_\_\_\_\_ it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.

## Christ and The Apostles

**Mark 2:27-28**—<sup>27</sup> The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath. <sup>28</sup> Therefore the Son of Man is also Lord of the Sabbath.

**Matthew 24:3, 14, 20, KJV**—<sup>3</sup> Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, “Tell us, when will these things be? And what *will be* the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?”... <sup>14</sup> And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come... <sup>20</sup> And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath.

**Acts 13:13-15**—<sup>13</sup> Now when Paul and his party set sail from Paphos, they came to Perga in Pamphylia; and John, departing from them, returned to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> But when they departed from Perga, they came to Antioch in Pisidia, and went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day and sat down. <sup>15</sup> And after the reading of the Law and the Prophets, the rulers of the synagogue sent to them, saying, “Men *and* brethren, if you have any word of exhortation for the people, say on”... <sup>42</sup> So when the Jews went out of the synagogue, the Gentiles begged that these words might be preached to them the next Sabbath. <sup>43</sup> Now when the congregation had broken up, many of the Jews and devout proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas, who, speaking to them, persuaded them to continue in the grace of God. <sup>44</sup> On the next Sabbath almost the whole city came together to hear the word of God.

**Acts 16:13**—On the Sabbath day we went out of the city to the riverside, where prayer was customarily made; and we sat down and spoke to the women who met there.

**Isaiah 66:22-23**—<sup>22</sup> “For as the new heavens and the new earth which I will make shall remain before Me,” says the LORD, “So shall your descendants and your name remain. <sup>23</sup> And it shall come to pass that from one New Moon to another, and from one Sabbath to another, all flesh shall come to worship before Me,” says the LORD.

## Revelation Calls Special Attention to the \_\_\_\_\_ Commandment

**Revelation 14:6-7**—<sup>6</sup> Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people— <sup>7</sup> saying with a loud voice, “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.”

## I Will Give You Rest

**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.

**Matthew 11:28-30**—<sup>28</sup> Come to Me, all *you* who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For My yoke *is* easy and My burden is light.”

**NOTE:** Adam and Eve were created on the sixth day, after ALL the work of Creation was “finished.” They did not participate in the work of Creation, nor did they witness it with their eyes. They awoke to receive it as a free gift from their Maker by faith alone. Then they rested on the seventh day as their first full day of life.

**NOTE:** See also Isa. 56:1-8, which is a prophecy of the gospel going to the gentile world and formation of the New Testament church. Isaiah says these New Testament believers of all nations will be Sabbath keepers, and that the Sabbath is inextricably connected with the new covenant.

**NOTE:** Dr. Sang Lee tells of a rest/stress study, composed of the alarm clock group and the no alarm group. \$1000 was offered to each person in the first group if they could wake up at 6am on the dot with the use of an alarm. \$100 was offered to each person in the second group for participating, and \$900 more if they woke at 6am on the dot without an alarm. All were hooked up to machines to monitor brain activity; also blood was drawn to monitor hormonal activity. At about 4am on average the no-alarm group began to release stress hormones and the brain began to become active preparatory to waking, increasingly more restless until most awakened at 6am. The alarm group remained in a state of stress-free rest and woke at 6am to the alarm. They simply trusted the clock to wake them, so they could rest. Trust invokes rest.

## “Behold Your God”—Isaiah 40:9

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