

# Antichrist – Seal

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“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 seal of the Living God: And he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, Saying, ‘Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads” (Revelation 7:1-3).

The “sea” represents people in Bible prophecy (Revelation 17:15). The “trees” are God’s righteous people (Isaiah 61:1-3).

“I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads” (Revelation 14:1).

“There shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and His servants shall serve Him: And they shall see His face; and His Name shall be in their foreheads” (Revelation 22:3-4).

The word “name” in the Bible represents “character.” It also says that plainly in Strong’s Greek Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible. Example: Abram, when he was given a new focus was renamed Abraham. His offspring Jacob was renamed Israel, Saul became Paul, Christ nicknamed Simon Peter, and the brothers James and John He called the Sons of Thunder. All these new names were given at times when the character was changed.

	God is...	His Law is...
Good	Lk 18:19	1 Tim 1:8
Holy	Is 5:16	Rom 7:12
Perfect	Mt 5:48	Ps 19:7
Pure	1 Jn 3:2-3	Ps 19:8
Just	Dt 32:4	Rom 7:12
True	Jn 3:33	Ps 19:9
Spiritual	1 Cor 10:4	Rom 7:14
Righteousness	Jer 23:6	Ps 119:172
Faithful	1 Cor 1:9	Ps 119:86
Love	1 Jn 4:8	Rom 13:10
Unchangeable	Jms 1:17	Mt 5:18
Light	1 Jn 1:5	Pr 6:23

“Ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise” (Ephesians 1:13).

First they heard, then trusted the gospel they heard, and finally believed. After the experience of hearing, trusting, and believing, they were sealed.

“...Everlasting life, which the Son of Man shall give unto you: for Him hath God the Father sealed” (John 6:27).

If Christ is in us, and He has been sealed, we have the hope of glory. See Colossians 1:27.

“For in six days the LORD made 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 20:11).

This 4<sup>th</sup> Commandment, which speaks about Saturday the Sabbath, is what is quoted from in Revelation 14:7. John the Apostle was calling all at the end of time to refocus their worship toward the Creator, not the Antichrist power mentioned later in Revelation 14, verses 9-11.

“I saw another angel... having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth... Saying with a loud voice... worship Him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters” (Revelation 14:6-7).

A message at the end of time which goes to everyone is here mentioned. Notice, it is a call to worship the Creator.

“Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the Commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus” (Revelation 14:12).

This is from the same chapter of the previous verse.

If someone were to ask, “What is the holy place of this earth?” Most would be inclined to say, “The Temple Mount,” “the Dome of the Rock,” or “Jerusalem.” Notice what the Bible calls “holy.”

“Let thine anger and thy fury be turned away from thy city Jerusalem, thy holy mountain...” (Daniel 9:16).

On this mountain there was a city.

“O Jerusalem, the holy city...” (Isaiah 52:1).

In this city there was a temple.

“In thy fear will I worship toward thy holy temple” (Psalm 5:7).

In this temple there was a holy place.

“He goeth in unto the holy place, for a memorial before the LORD continually” (Exodus 28:29).

In this holy place there was a most holy place.

“Put the mercy seat upon the ark of the testimony in the most holy place” (Exodus 26:34).

This most holy place was called such because of what it contained. It held the most precious revelation God has ever given to man—a transcript of His character, the 10 Commandment stone tablets! What was so precious about those? They revealed His character.

Notice something never to forget—the only time the word “holy” appeared on the 10 Commandments that were guarded by a holy mountain, city, temple, holy place, most holy place, and golden ark was the 4<sup>th</sup> Commandment.

“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy” (Exodus 20:11).

The word “Sabbath” has an interesting Hebrew spelling. The word “Abba” means “Father.” The word Sabbath has the word Abba directly in the center of it! No wonder the devil hates the Sabbath as he does!!!

The word Sabbath can be understood to mean, “The Sign of the Everlasting Father.”

“I gave them My Sabbaths, to be a sign between Me and them, that they might know that I am the LORD that sanctify them” (Ezekiel 20:12).

How can we know that someone has the LORD God sanctifying them? Read the verse again...

“Hallow My Sabbaths; and they shall be a sign between Me and you, that ye may know that I am the LORD your God” (Ezekiel 20:20).

How can we know that someone has the LORD as their Lord AND God? Read the verse again...

In Hebrew the word “sign” can be translated “mark.”

The Sign of the Everlasting Father, the Sabbath, is the sign, seal, or mark of His authority of our lives!

If we have Christ in us, which was sealed by the Father, we will have the seal as well. But, would we sin against God’s character, the moral law, if we truly have Christ in our hearts? God forbid! We would keep all of God’s Commandments, including the 4<sup>th</sup>, which the devil hates most!

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