

The Neglected Truth
about the Sealing

Biblical Usages of Seal:

1 Kings 21:8 (AV) – 8 So she [Jezebel] wrote letters in Ahab's name, and **sealed them with his seal**, and sent the letters unto the elders and to the nobles that were in his city, dwelling with Naboth.

Romans 4:11 (AV) – 11 And he [Abraham] received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had yet being uncircumcised: that he might be the father of all them that believe, though they be not circumcised; that righteousness might be imputed unto them also:

Daniel 6:17 (AV) – 17 And a stone was brought, and laid upon the mouth of the den; and the king sealed it with his own signet, and with the signet of his lords; that the purpose might not be changed concerning Daniel.

Matthew 27:66 (AV) – 66 So they went, and made the sepulchre
sure, sealing the stone, and setting a watch.

Daniel 6:8 (AV) – 8 Now, O king, establish the decree, and sign the writing, that it be not changed, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which altereth not

Esther 8:8 (AV) – 8 Write ye also for the Jews, as it liketh you, in the king's name, and seal it with the king's ring: for the writing which is written in the king's name, and sealed with the king's ring, may no man reverse.

Isaiah 8:16 (AV) – 16 Bind up the testimony, seal the law
among my disciples.

John 3:33 (AV) – 33 He that hath received his testimony hath
set to his seal that God is true.

John 3:33 (NLT) – *Anyone who accepts his testimony can affirm that God is true.*

Revelation 7:2 (AV) – 2 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,

Revelation 9:4 (AV) – 4 And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads.

Exodus 31:16, 17 (AV) – 16 Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to observe the sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant. **17** It is a sign between me and the children of Israel for ever: for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed.

Ezekiel 20:20 (AV) – 20 And hallow my sabbaths; and they shall be a sign between me and you, that ye may know that I am the LORD your God.

Exodus 20:8-11 (YLT) – 8 ‘Remember the Sabbath-day to sanctify it; 9 six days thou dost labour, and hast done all thy work, 10 and the seventh day is a Sabbath to **Jehovah** thy God; thou dost not do any work, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, thy man-servant, and thy handmaid, and thy cattle, and thy sojourner who is within thy gates,— 11 for six days hath **Jehovah made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them**, and resteth in the seventh day; therefore hath Jehovah blessed the Sabbath-day, and doth sanctify it.

Revelation 7:2, 3 (AV) – 2 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, 3 Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.

Revelation 14:5 (AV) – 5 And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.

Revelation 14:12 (AV) – 12 Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

Ephesians 1:13 (AV) – 13 In whom 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 4:30 (AV) – 30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

While Satan has been urging his accusations, holy angels, unseen, have been passing to and fro, placing upon the faithful ones the seal of the living God. These are they that stand upon Mount Zion with the Lamb, having the Father's name written in their foreheads. They sing the new song before the throne, that song which no man can learn save the hundred and forty and four thousand which were redeemed from the earth. "These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the first fruits unto God and to the Lamb. And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God." Revelation 14:4, 5. (*Prophets and Kings*, p. 591.2)

The seal of God's law is found in the fourth commandment. This only, of all the ten, brings to view both the name and the title of the Lawgiver. It declares Him to be the Creator of the heavens and the earth, and thus shows His claim to reverence and worship above all others. Aside from this precept, there is nothing in the Decalogue to show by whose authority the law is given. When the Sabbath was changed by the papal power, the seal was taken from the law. The disciples of Jesus are called upon to restore it by exalting the Sabbath of the fourth commandment to its rightful position as the Creator's memorial and the sign of His authority. (*The Great Controversy*, p. 452.1)

Just as soon as the people of God are sealed in their foreheads—it is not any seal or mark that can be seen, but **a settling into the truth, both intellectually and spiritually, so they cannot be moved**—just as soon as God’s people are sealed and prepared for the shaking, it will come. Indeed, it has begun already. The judgments of God are now upon the land, to give us warning, that we may know what is coming.—

Manuscript 173, 1902, 1–6. (“Medical Missionary Work in Southern California,” Interview held in Los Angeles, California, September 15, 1902.) (*Manuscript Releases*. vol. 10, p. 252.1, Also see *Maranatha*, p. 200.2 and *Last Day Events*, p. 219.4)

Not all who profess to keep the Sabbath will be sealed. There are many even among those who teach the truth to others who will not receive the seal of God in their foreheads. They had the light of truth, they knew their Master's will, they understood every point of our faith, but they had not corresponding works.

(Testimonies for the Church, vol. 5, p. 213.2)

Revelation 2:9 (AV) – 9 I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan.

The 144,000 were all sealed and perfectly united. On their foreheads were the words God, New Jerusalem, and a glorious star containing Jesus' new name. At our happy, holy state the wicked were enraged, and would rush violently up to lay hands on us to thrust us into prison, when we would stretch forth the hand in the name of the Lord, and they would fall helpless to the ground. **Then it was that the synagogue of Satan knew that God had loved us, who could wash one another's feet, and salute the brethren with a holy kiss, and they worshiped at our feet.** (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 1, p. 59.2)

You think, that those who worship before the saints feet, (Revelation 3:9) [Philadelphia Church], will at last be saved. Here I must differ with you; for God shew me that this class were professed Adventists, who had fallen away, and “crucified to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.” And in the “hour of temptation,” which is yet to come, to show out every one’s true character, they will know that they are forever lost; and overwhelmed with anguish of spirit, they will bow at the saint’s feet. (*A Word to the Little Flock*, p. 12.2)

The class who do not feel grieved over their own spiritual declension,
nor mourn over the sins of others, will be left without the seal of
God. . . . (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 5, p. 211.1)

Now is the time to prepare. The seal of God will never be placed upon the forehead of an impure man or woman. It will never be placed upon the forehead of the ambitious, world-loving man or woman. It will never be placed upon the forehead of men or women of false tongues or deceitful hearts. All who receive the seal must be without spot before God—candidates for heaven. Go forward, my brethren and sisters. I can only write briefly upon these points at this time, merely calling your attention to the necessity of preparation. Search the Scriptures for yourselves, that you may understand the fearful solemnity of the present hour. (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 5, p. 216.2)

Not one of us will ever receive the seal of God while our characters have one spot or stain upon them. It is left with us to remedy the defects in our characters, to cleanse the soul temple of every defilement. Then the latter rain will fall upon us as the early rain fell upon the disciples on the Day of Pentecost. (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 5, p. 214.2)

The Part Neglected:

Ezekiel 9:1, 2 (AV) – 1 He cried also in mine ears with a loud voice, saying, Cause them that have charge over the city to draw near, even every man with his destroying weapon in his hand. 2 And, behold, six men came from the way of the higher gate, which lieth toward the north, and every man a slaughter weapon in his hand; and one man among them was clothed with linen, with a writer's inkhorn by his side: and they went in, and stood beside the brasen altar.

Ezekiel 9:3, 4 (AV) – 3 And the glory of the God of Israel was gone up from the cherub, whereupon he was, to the threshold of the house. And he called to the man clothed with linen, which had the writer's inkhorn by his side; 4 And the LORD said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof.

This mightiest of angels has in his hand the seal of the living God, or of Him who alone can give life, who can inscribe upon the foreheads the mark or inscription, to whom shall be granted immortality, eternal life.

(Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers, p. 444.3)

I saw angels hurrying to and fro in heaven. An angel with a writer's inkhorn by his side returned from the earth and reported to Jesus that his work was done, and the saints were numbered and sealed. Then I saw Jesus, who had been ministering before the ark containing the ten commandments, throw down the censer. He raised His hands, and with a loud voice said, "It is done." And all the angelic host laid off their crowns as Jesus made the solemn declaration, "He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still." (*Early Writings*, p. 279.2)

Ezekiel 9:5, 6 (AV) – 5 And to the others he said in mine hearing, Go ye after him through the city, and smite: let not your eye spare, neither have ye pity: 6 Slay utterly old and young, both maids, and little children, and women: but come not near any man upon whom is the mark; and begin at my sanctuary. Then they began at the ancient men which were before the house.

Here we see that the church—the Lord’s sanctuary—was the first to feel the stroke of the wrath of God. The ancient men, those to whom God had given great light and who had stood as guardians of the spiritual interests of the people, had betrayed their trust. They had taken the position that we need not look for miracles and the marked manifestation of God’s power as in former days. Times have changed.

These words strengthen their unbelief, and they say:

The Lord will not do good, neither will He do evil. He is too merciful to visit His people in judgment. Thus “Peace and safety” is the cry from men who will never again lift up their voice like a trumpet to show God’s people their transgressions and the house of Jacob their sins. These dumb dogs that would not bark are the ones who feel the just vengeance of an offended God. Men, maidens, and little children all perish together. (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 5, p. 211.2)

Ezekiel 9:7, 8 (AV) – 7 And he said unto them, Defile the house, and fill the courts with the slain: go ye forth. And they went forth, and slew in the city. 8 And it came to pass, while they were slaying them, and I was left, that I fell upon my face, and cried, and said, Ah Lord GOD! wilt thou destroy **all the residue [remnant] of Israel** in thy pouring out of thy fury upon Jerusalem?

Many hear the invitation of mercy, are tested and proved; but **few are sealed with the seal of the living God**. Few will humble themselves as a little child, that they may enter the kingdom of heaven. (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 5, p. 50.2)

Ezekiel 9:9, 10 (AV) – 9 Then said he unto me, The iniquity of the house of Israel and Judah is exceeding great, and the land is full of blood, and the city full of perverseness: for they say, The LORD hath forsaken the earth, and the LORD seeth not. 10 And as for me also, mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity, but I will recompense their way upon their head.

Revelation 14:10 (AV) – 10 The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured **out without mixture** into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:

I also saw that many do not realize what they must be in order to live in the sight of the Lord without a high priest in the sanctuary through the time of trouble. Those who receive the seal of the living God and are protected in the time of trouble must reflect the image of Jesus fully.

(Early Writings, p. 71.1)

Ezekiel 9:11 (AV) – 11 And, behold, the man clothed with linen,
which had the inkhorn by his side, reported the matter, saying, I have
done as thou hast commanded me.

The prophet, looking down the ages, had this time presented before his vision. . . . (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 5, pp. 208.3)

Jesus is about to leave the mercy seat of the heavenly sanctuary.
(*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 5, pp. 207.4)

Especially in the closing work for the church, in the sealing time of the one hundred and forty-four thousand who are to stand without fault before the throne of God, will they feel most deeply the wrongs of God's professed people. This is forcibly set forth by the prophet's illustration of the last work under the figure of the men each having a slaughter weapon in his hand. One man among them was clothed with linen, with a writer's inkhorn by his side. (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 3, p. 266.2)

Mark this point with care: Those who receive the pure mark of truth, wrought in them by the power of the Holy Ghost, represented by a mark by the man in linen, are those “that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done” in the church.

(Testimonies for the Church, vol. 3, p. 267.1)

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The Image of Jealousy

Ezekiel 8:3-5 (AV) – 3 And he put forth the form of an hand, and took me by a lock of mine head; and the spirit lifted me up between the earth and the heaven, and brought me in the visions of God to Jerusalem, to the door of the inner gate that looketh toward the north; where was the seat of the image of jealousy, which provoketh to jealousy. 4 And, behold, the glory of the God of Israel was there, according to the vision that I saw in the plain. 5 Then said he unto me, Son of man, lift up thine eyes now the way toward the north. So I lifted up mine eyes the way toward the north, and behold northward at the gate of the altar this image of jealousy in the entry.

Deuteronomy 32:15-18 (AV) – 15 But Jeshurun waxed fat, and kicked: thou art waxen fat, thou art grown thick, thou art covered with fatness; then he forsook God which made him, and lightly esteemed the Rock of his salvation. 16 They provoked him to jealousy with strange gods, with abominations provoked they him to anger. 17 They sacrificed unto devils, not to God; to gods whom they knew not, to new gods that came newly up, whom your fathers feared not. 18 Of the Rock that begat thee thou art unmindful, and hast forgotten God that formed thee.

Deuteronomy 32:19-21 (AV) – And when the LORD saw it, he abhorred them, because of the provoking of his sons, and of his daughters. 20 And he said, I will hide my face from them, I will see what their end shall be: for they are a very froward generation, children in whom is no faith. 21 They have moved me to jealousy with that which is not God; they have provoked me to anger with their vanities: and I will move them to jealousy with those which are not a people; I will provoke them to anger with a foolish nation.

Deuteronomy 7:5 (AV) – 5 But thus shall ye deal with them; ye shall destroy their altars, and break down their images, and cut down their groves, and burn their graven images with fire.

Deuteronomy 12:3 (AV) – 3 And ye shall overthrow their altars,
and break their pillars, and burn their groves with fire; and ye shall
hew down the graven images of their gods, and destroy the names of
them out of that place.

The worship of images and the observance of the Sunday festival came into the church about the same time; but images were regarded with reverence a long time before Sunday was regarded as a sacred day. (*Fathers of the Catholic Church*, p. 268.1)

Satan's snares are laid for us as verily as they were laid for the children of Israel just prior to their entrance into the land of Canaan. We are repeating the history of that people.

(Testimonies for the Church, vol. 5, p.160.2)

Exodus 34:11-14 (AV) – 11 Observe thou that which I command thee this day: behold, I drive out before thee the Amorite, and the Canaanite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, and the Hivite, and the Jebusite. 12 Take heed to thyself, lest thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land whither thou goest, lest it be for a snare in the midst of thee: 13 But ye shall destroy their altars, break their images, and cut down their groves: 14 For thou shalt worship no other god: for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God:

Jeremiah 43:13 (AV) – 13 He shall break also the images of Bethshemesh, that is in the land of Egypt; and the houses of the gods of the Egyptians shall he burn with fire.





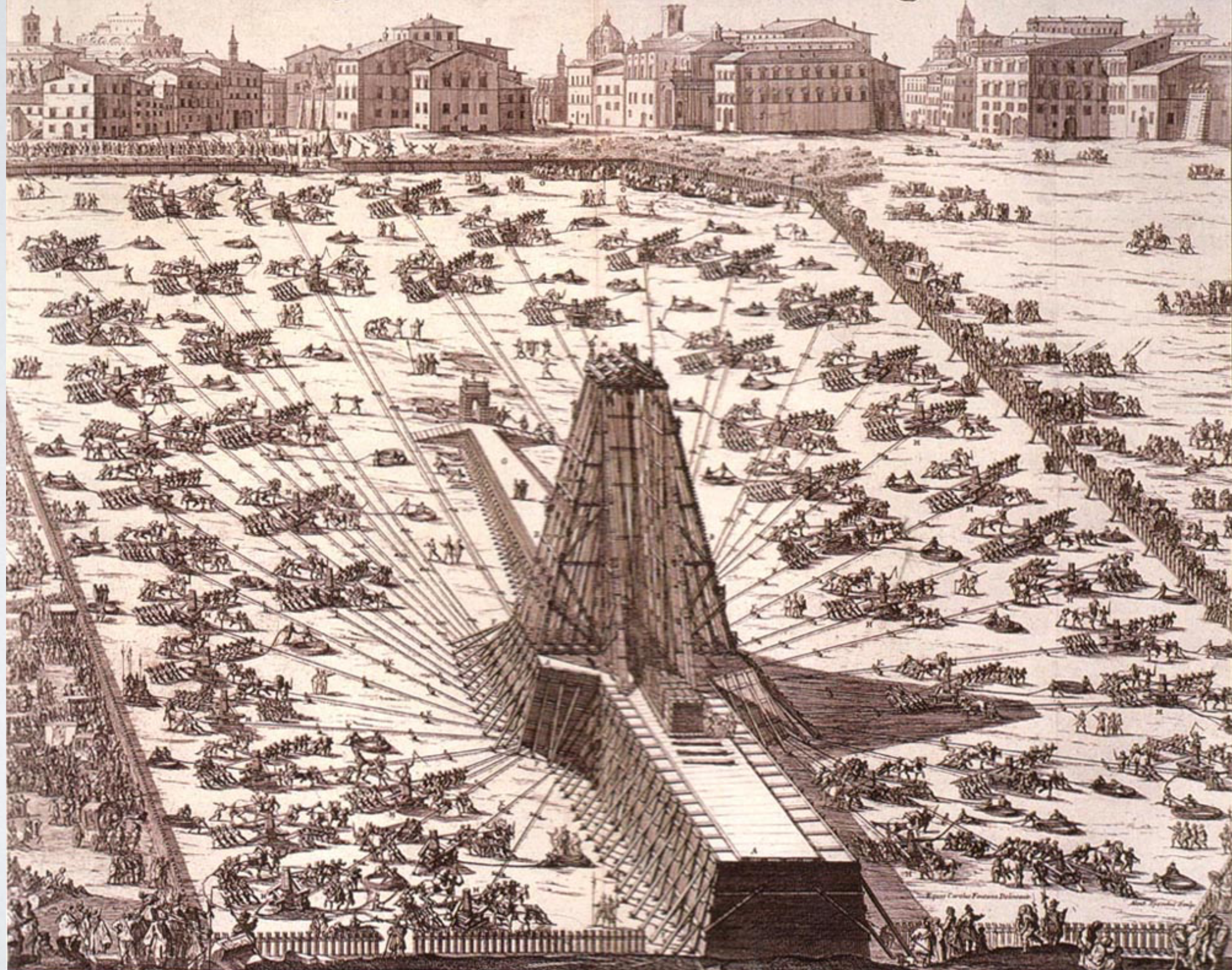
[The Roman Emperor] Caligula, in A. D. 37-41 had this obelisk transported from HELIOPOLIS, Egypt, to his circus on the Vatican Hill, where now stands St. Peter's Cathedral. Now Heliopolis, the city from which the obelisk was originally transported, is but the Greek name of Bethshemesh, which was the center of Egyptian sun-worship in olden days! And this was the very place of which we read in the Bible of the false worship that existed there and in which special mention is made of the "images (obelisks) of Bethshemesh (the House of the Sun)" (Jer. 43:13)!

And so, the very same obelisk that once stood at the ancient pagan temple at the CENTER of Egyptian paganism (Heliopolis or Bethshemesh) now stands before the temple that is the CENTER of modern paganism—the so-called Cathedral of St. Peter, the “Mother” church of Catholicism. This seems like more than a mere coincidence.

The red granite obelisk of the Vatican is itself 83 feet high (132 feet high with its foundation) and weighs 320 tons. In 1586, to make certain that this obelisk was centered right directly at the entry of the Cathedral, it was moved a short distance to its present location—St. Peter's square—by order of Pope Sixtus V. Of course the moving of this heavy obelisk—especially in those days—was a very difficult task. Many movers refused to attempt the feat, especially when the Pope had attached the DEATH PENALTY if the obelisk was dropped and broken. (Such a regulation in itself indicates how much importance that the Pope and his people accredited to this abominable idol!)

Finally a man by the name of Domenico Fontana accepted the responsibility of the moving and erection of the Vatican obelisk. With 45 winches, 160 horses, and a crew of 800 workmen, the task of moving began! The date: September 10, 1586. Multitudes crowded the extensive square. While the obelisk was being moved, the crowd—UPON PENALTY OF DEATH—was required to remain silent until the erection was made. Finally, after near failure, the obelisk was erected—to the sound of hundreds of bells ringing, the roar of cannons, and the loud cheers of the multitude. The idol was dedicated to the “cross”, mass was celebrated, and the Pope pronounced a blessing on the workmen and their horses. (Ralph Woodrow, *Babylon Mystery Religion*, pp. 42, 43)

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Ezekiel 8:6-9 (AV) – 6 He said furthermore unto me, Son of man, seest thou what they do? even the great abominations that the house of Israel committeth here, that I should go far off from my sanctuary? but turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see greater abominations. 7 And he brought me to the door of the court; and when I looked, behold a hole in the wall. 8 Then said he unto me, Son of man, dig now in the wall: and when I had digged in the wall, behold a door. 9 And he said unto me, Go in, and behold the wicked abominations that they do here.

Isaiah 27:9 (AV) – By this therefore shall the iniquity of Jacob be purged; and this is all the fruit to take away his sin; when he maketh all the stones of the altar as chalkstones that are beaten in sunder, the groves (*asherah*) and images (*chamman*) shall not stand up.

The Baal of the Syrians, Phoenicians, and heathen Hebrews is a much less elevated conception than the Babylonian Bel. He is properly the sun-god Baal-Shamem, Baal (lord) of the heavens, the highest of the heavenly bodies, but still a mere power of nature, born like the other luminaries from the primitive chaos. As the sun-god he is conceived as the male principle of life and reproduction in nature, and thus in some forms of his worship is the patron of the grossest sensuality, and even of systematic prostitution.

An example of this is found in the worship of Baal-Peor (Numbers 25), and in general in the Canaanitish high places, where Baal, the male principle, was worshiped in association with the unchaste goddess Ashera, the female principle of nature. The frequent references to this form of religion in the Old Testament are obscured in the English version by the rendering 'grove' for the word Ashera, which sometimes denotes the goddess, sometimes the tree or post which was her symbol.

Baal himself was represented on the high places not by an image, but by obelisks or pillars, . . . sometimes called chammanim or sun pillars, a name which is to be compared with the title Baal-

Chamman, frequently given to the god on Phoenician inscriptions. (*Encyclopedia Britannica*, article on “baal,” quoted in *Fathers of the Catholic Church*, pp. 306, 307, 1888,

E. J. Waggoner)

Revelation 14:8 (AV) – 8 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.

Isaiah 21:9 (AV) – 9 And, behold, here cometh a chariot of men, with a couple of horsemen. And he answered and said, Babylon is fallen, is fallen; and all the graven images of her gods he hath broken unto the ground.

Deuteronomy 16:20-22 (AV) – 20 That which is altogether just shalt thou follow, that thou mayest live, and inherit the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee. 21 Thou shalt not plant thee a grove of any trees near unto the altar of the LORD thy God, which thou shalt make thee. 22 Neither shalt thou set thee up any image; which the LORD thy God hateth.

Deuteronomy 14:2 (AV) – 2 For thou art an holy people unto the LORD thy God, and the LORD hath chosen thee to be a peculiar people unto himself, above all the nations that are upon the earth.

1 Peter 2:9 (AV) – 9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

Deuteronomy 18:9-13 (AV) – 9 When thou art come into the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations (toebah) of those nations. 10 There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, 11 Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer. 12 For all that do these things are an abomination unto the LORD: and because of these abominations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee. 13 Thou shalt be perfect with the LORD thy God.

Ezekiel 6:4-6 (AV) – 4 And your altars shall be desolate, and your images shall be broken: and I will cast down your slain men before your idols. 5 And I will lay the dead carcasses of the children of Israel before their idols; and I will scatter your bones round about your altars. 6 In all your dwellingplaces the cities shall be laid waste, and the high places shall be desolate; that your altars may be laid waste and made desolate, and your idols may be broken and cease, and your images may be cut down, and your works may be abolished.

The prophet, looking down the ages, had this time presented before his vision. (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 5, p. 208.3)

. . . the righteousness of Christ ... is pure, unadulterated truth.
(Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers, p.64.3)

In the time when His wrath shall go forth in judgments, these humble, devoted followers of Christ will be distinguished from the rest of the world by their soul anguish, which is expressed in lamentation and weeping, reproofs and warnings. While others try to throw a cloak over the existing evil, and excuse the great wickedness everywhere prevalent, those who have a zeal for God's honor and a love for souls will not hold their peace to obtain favor of any. Their righteous souls are vexed day by day with the unholy works and conversation of the unrighteous.

They are powerless to stop the rushing torrent of iniquity, and hence they are filled with grief and alarm. They mourn before God to see religion despised in the very homes of those who have had great light. They lament and afflict their souls because pride, avarice, selfishness, and deception of almost every kind are in the church. (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 5, p. 210.3)

Romans 1:18 (NKJV) – 18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,

