

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

I. Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

II. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; And showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

III. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

IV. Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, 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 manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: 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.

V. Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

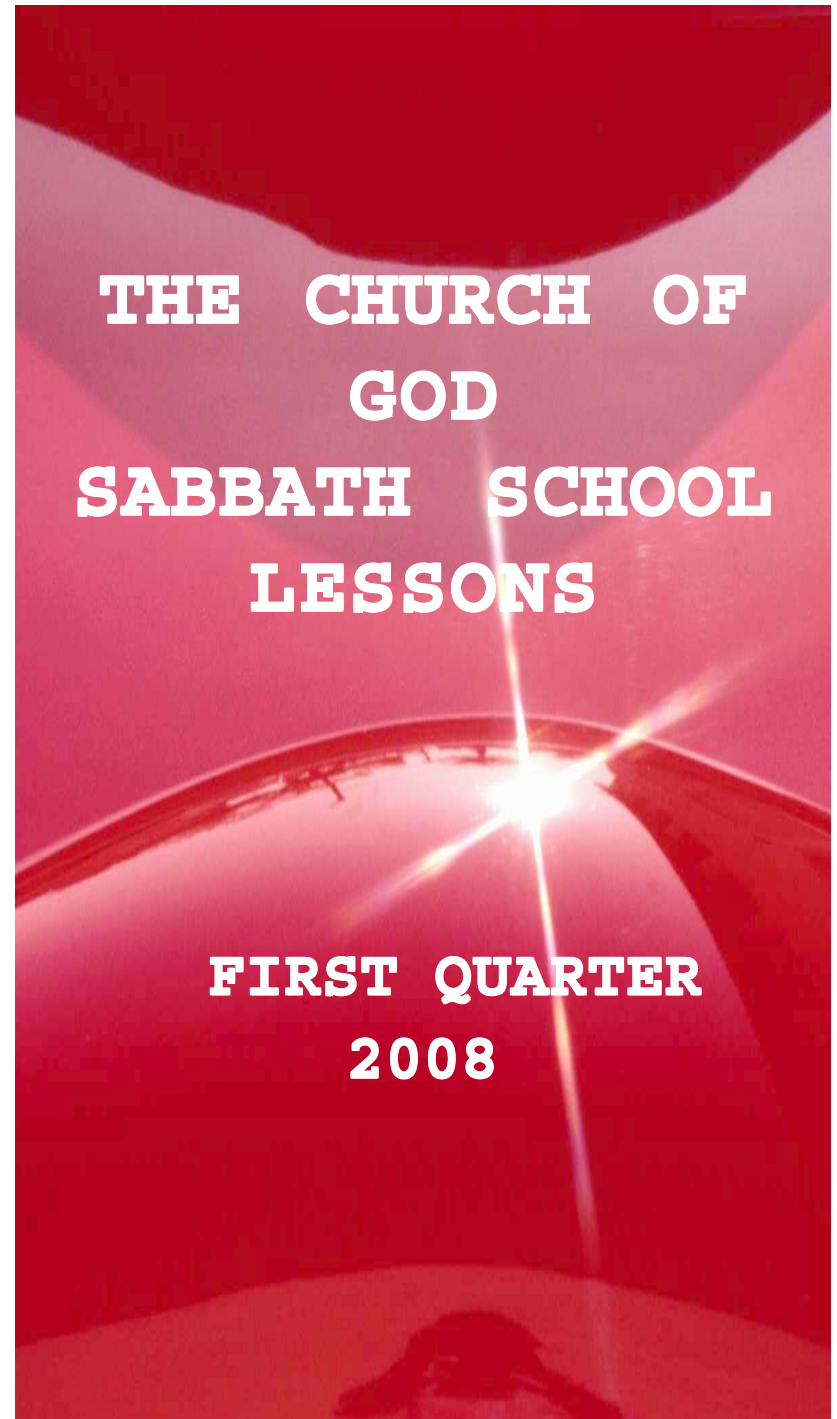
VI. Thou shalt not kill.

VII. Thou shalt not commit adultery.

VIII. Thou shalt not steal.

IX. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

X. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.



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IN THIS QUARTERLY

There is an expression that says, "those who do not study history are destined to repeat it." With that in mind, we will study the world empires realizing that they no longer exist. However, many of their influences permeate the world.

We await the kingdom to come (made without hands). It will be an everlasting kingdom, and this truly is the gospel message, the good news of its existence and subsequent advent.

Let us wait with patience for it so that we may enjoy eternity with our God and His Son Jesus Christ.

NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S DREAM

Scripture Reading: Daniel 2:1-35.

Golden Text: Daniel 2:44.

1. Why is it important to study prophecy? Romans 15:4; II Peter 1:21; II Timothy 2:15; 3:16-17; Daniel 2:22.

2. What are we told about prophets? Deuteronomy 18:22.

NOTE: Many individuals and organizations have falsely predicted the end time. The historical record bears witness against them.

3. What happened to Nebuchadnezzar? Daniel 2:1-3.

4. How did the Chaldeans respond? Daniel 2:4.

NOTE: The king could not remember and the Chaldeans could not tell him what he had dreamed. Therefore, so-called "fortune tellers" do not have the answers either.

5. What was the Chaldeans' final decision? Daniel 2:10-11.

6. How did the king respond? Daniel 2:12.

7. When the wise men of Babylon were being sought, what did Daniel do? Daniel 2:14-18.

8. How does Daniel react when the secret is revealed in a night vision? Daniel 2:19-22.

NOTE: Notice that Daniel gives God the credit and thanks Him for the revelation.

9. What did Daniel say to the king concerning his dream? Daniel 2:27-30.

10. How does Daniel describe the dream? Daniel 2:31-35.

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NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S DREAM INTERPRETED

Scripture Reading: Daniel 2:36-49.

Golden Text: Daniel 2:21.

1. What was the dream Nebuchadnezzar had forgotten? Daniel 2:31-36.

NOTE: Nebuchadnezzar ruled the first kingdom (Babylon) at the time of the dream. He ruled from about 605-562 BC.

2. Since he was the first world empire, how is he represented? Daniel 2:37-38.

3. Who was the last ruler of Babylon? Daniel 5:1,2,30,31.

4. We learned that the Medes defeated the Babylonians, but who else ruled with them? Daniel 6:28; Isaiah 44:28 to 45:1-3.

NOTE: The Medes and Persians united and overthrew Babylon. They ruled from 538 to 331 BC - Ezra 1:2.

5. How did the Medo-Persian empire rank? Daniel 2:39 (first part).

NOTE: Silver is inferior to gold.

6. What are we told about Cyrus? Isaiah 45:4-6; Ezra 5:13-14; 6:3-6.

7. What is the next world empire? Daniel 2:39 (last part); 8:20-21; 8:3, 5-8.

NOTE: The victory of Alexander the Great at the battle of Arabela in 331 BC marked the beginning of the Greek world empire until 168 BC.

8. What is said of the fourth kingdom? Daniel 2:40; 7:23.

9. What texts do we have to show Rome ruled the world? Luke 2:1-2; Acts 26:32.

10. What happens to the image? Daniel 2:34-35, 44.

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THE IMAGE

Scripture Reading: Revelation 17.

Golden Text: Daniel 2:42.

1. What parts of the image were iron? Daniel 2:33,41.

NOTE: History tells us that after the death of Theodosius (395AD) the empire was permanently divided into East (Byzantine Empire) and West.

2. As we are taking down the image, what else do we find? Daniel 2:42-43.

3. What other name is given to the ten toes? Daniel 7:7 (last part); Revelation 17:12, 16-17.

4. In the days of these kings what takes place? Daniel 2:44; Revelation 17:13-14; 18:9-10.

5. What does the book of Revelation say about this fifth kingdom? Revelation 11:15; 19:15-16.

6. What did Jesus say about this kingdom? John 14:1-4; 18:33-36.

7. When Jesus taught us to pray, what did it include? Matthew 6:10.

NOTE: The gospel message is the "good news" of the coming kingdom. This is what we should preach and teach for we have surely learned we cannot rule ourselves.

8. What did Nebuchadnezzar decide to do after hearing his dream explained? Daniel 3:1-3.

9. After the image of gold was built, what were the people commanded to do? Daniel 3:4-6.

10. What did Daniel and his friends do when the music played? Daniel 3:7-12.

Lesson For Sabbath, January 26, 2008

DANIEL'S DREAM

Scripture Reading: Daniel 7:1-14.

Golden Text: Daniel 7:18.

1. When did this dream occur? Daniel 7:1.
2. What does Daniel tell us about the first part of the dream? Daniel 7:2.
3. What is the meaning of the wind and the sea in Daniel 7:2? Jeremiah 49:32-36; Revelation 17:15.
NOTE: The four winds present the four world powers that dominated the people (sea). Remember also that Daniel was a captive in Babylon. Elam was a son of Shem, (Genesis 10:22).
4. What was the first beast like? Daniel 7:4.
NOTE: The Columbia Encyclopedia shows a lion with wings on Nebuchadnezzar's palace. Lions also guarded the temple of Dagon, their earth god. Lion=king; wings=speed.
5. What is the identity of the second beast? Daniel 7:5.
NOTE: The bear represents the Medo-Persian empire.
6. How is the third world empire represented? Daniel 7:6.
NOTE: Alexander swiftly conquered the world, but then died at the early age of 33. His four generals divided the kingdom.
7. How is the fourth beast described? Daniel 7:7,23.
NOTE: It was diverse, because it was not only a world power, but under Constantine, who declared himself the head of a world religion.
8. What happens during Rome's rule? Daniel 7:7 last part, 24.
NOTE: Rome became ten kingdoms between the years 351 and 476 AD.

Lesson for Sabbath, February 2, 2008

ROME, THE BEAST OF REVELATION 13

Scripture Reading: Revelation 13:1-8 and 17:8-18.

Golden Text: Revelation 17:11.

1. What happened among the horns of the fourth beast of Daniel? Daniel 7:8.
2. Besides destroying three horns (kingdoms), what else does this little horn do? Daniel 7:20-21; Revelation 13:6-7.
3. Who do we find riding the beast in Revelation 17? Revelation 17:3,7.
NOTE: The beast has seven heads. These heads represent the incorporation of the previous world powers (Daniel 7:4-7). See also (Revelation 13:1-3). The beast has the body of a leopard (Greece); feet of a bear (Medo-Persia); and the mouth of a lion (Babylon). The seven heads and ten horns identify Rome. Rome was never defeated militarily, it just dissolved into the kingdoms of mankind. We thought it was dead, but it yet lives and it receives its power from Satan.
4. Who is the woman? Revelation 17:4-9.
NOTE: Rome sits on seven hills and is the seat of the Roman Church.
5. How many kings does the beast dominate? Revelation 17:12-13.
6. Revelation 17:1 talks of "many waters." What does that represent? Revelation 17:15.
7. What happens to this false religion, the whore? Revelation 17:16-18.
8. What does the two-horned beast do? Revelation 13:12-15.
9. What else does he do? Revelation 13:16-18.
10. What ability does Satan have when it comes to deceiving mankind? Revelation 12:9; II Corinthians 4:4.

Lesson For Sabbath, February 9, 2008

THE WOMAN AND THE BEAST

Scripture Reading: Revelation 17:1-7; 18:1-8.

Golden Text: Revelation 17:18.

1. What do we find on the scarlet colored beast having seven heads and ten horns? Revelation 17:3.
2. How was she arrayed? Revelation 17:4.
3. Who else is described as being scarlet (red) colored and having seven heads and ten horns? Revelation 12:3.

***NOTE:** Satan is the power behind world kingdoms (the beast) and false religion (the woman). Because he is so subtle (Genesis 3:1), he used the Roman Empire to spread false teachings. The Holy Roman Catholic Church is Babylon, the mother of harlots (false churches or religion).*

4. What is written on her forehead? Revelation 17:5.
5. What was Jerusalem guilty of doing? Ezekiel 16:1-2, 11-17.

***NOTE:** Being a harlot and committing whoredom is following false religion.*

6. In what state do we find the woman? Revelation 17:6.
7. What does Hebrews tell us about the saints and martyrs? Hebrews 11:32-39.
8. How is Babylon described today? Revelation 18:1-2.
9. What have the nations and the kings of the earth done with Babylon? Revelation 18:3.
10. What admonition are we given? Revelation 18:4.

Lesson For Sabbath, February 16, 2008

THE CUPS

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 8.

Golden Text: Matthew 20:22.

1. What was in the cup the woman held in her hand? Revelation 17:4.
2. How can we become abominable? Leviticus 11:43,44; Deuteronomy 14:3; Isaiah 66:17.
3. Will the abominable be in the kingdom? Revelation 21:7-8.
4. What else is in the cup besides abominations? Revelation 17:4 (last part).
5. What are we told about these "works of the flesh"? Galatians 5:19-21.
6. What was in the cup Jesus held? Matthew 26:27-28.

***NOTE:** This cup contained fruit of the vine, but it represented Jesus' blood (John 6:53-54; Proverbs 9:5).*

7. How powerful is the blood of Jesus? Acts 20:28; Isaiah 1:18; Revelation 1:5; 7:14.

***NOTE:** Notice that the beast is scarlet. Satan is called a red dragon and our sins were scarlet. Evil and wickedness will not win. They have a short life span, and whoever will can have their lives cleaned up and changed. By taking the Lord's cup what do we show? I Corinthians 11:25-26.*

Lesson For Sabbath, February 23, 2008

BEING SEALED

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 5.

Golden Text: Ephesians 4:30.

1. While four angels hold back the four winds of the earth, what else occurs? Revelation 7:1-3.
2. Who were the first to be sealed? Revelation 7:4.
3. Who is sealed last? Revelation 7:9.
4. With what are they sealed? Ephesians 1:13; 4:30.
5. How is this sealing described? Ephesians 1:14.

NOTE: The word earnest means a pledge that is part of the purchase-money or property given in advance as security for the rest (like a down payment).

6. Why is it necessary to be sealed with the Holy Spirit? John 14:26-27; John 4:23-24.
7. If we worship God in spirit and in truth, what other benefit will take place? Romans 2:5-8; 5:9; I Thessalonians 1:10.
8. Since the Holy Spirit presents a promise, when will that promise be fulfilled? I Thessalonians 4:13-18; Romans 8:9-11.
9. If we are sealed and led by the Spirit, what are we considered to be at this time? Romans 8:14-17.
10. Where will the saints be "in glory"? Revelation 15:1-3; Revelation 20:6; Revelation 5:8-10.

Lesson For Sabbath, March 1, 2008

THE MARK OF THE BEAST

Scripture Reading: Revelation 14.

Golden Text: Revelation 15:2.

1. "...If any man worship the beast..." where does he receive the mark? Revelation 14:9.
2. Who causes men to receive this mark? Revelation 13:11-16.
3. What will he cause to happen? Revelation 13:17.

NOTE: God's children will be sealed unto the day of redemption, while Satan's "children" will be marked for the wrath to come and be thrown into the lake of fire. John 5:28-29.

4. What did Jesus tell the Pharisees about their "father"? John 8:42-44.
5. How can we know if a person belongs to God or Satan? Matthew 12:33-35; I Corinthians 13:4-7; Romans 13:8-10; John 13:35.
6. Over what are we told the saints have victory? Revelation 15:2.
7. How were they able to overcome these things? Revelation 12:10-11.
8. Of what does the Apostle Paul warn us? I Corinthians 15:33.
9. How is this explained in Proverbs 13:20 and Ephesians 4:29?
10. How is a saint's walk different from others? Romans 8:1-5.

NOTE: We are known by how we act and conduct our lives. Make no mistake about it, we are also known by the company we keep.

Lesson For Sabbath, March 8, 2008

THE REAPING OF THE SAINTS

Scripture Reading: I Thessalonians 4.

Golden Text: John 14:3.

1. Who are present on the sea of glass? Revelation 15:2.
2. What do they escape? Revelation 15:5-6.
3. From where did these people come? Revelation 7:4,9.
4. Why would anyone want to be in this group? Revelation 20:4-6.
5. While the saints are with Jesus on the sea of glass, what else will happen? Revelation 15:8.
6. Will the saints be affected? Psalm 91:5-8.
7. How is this same idea expressed by Isaiah? Isaiah 26:20-21.
8. By Paul? I Thessalonians 5:9.
9. What is Jesus referred to at this time? Revelation 15:3.
10. What will He become? Revelation 17:14 (first part).
11. Who are with Him, and what are they called? Revelation 17:14 (last part).

Lesson For Sabbath, March 15, 2008

THE NEW JERUSALEM

Scripture Reading: Revelation 21.

Golden Text: Revelation 21:18.

1. For what was Abraham looking? Hebrews 11:8-10.
 2. For what were the other faithful saints looking? Hebrews 11:13-16.
 3. Have the dead saints received their reward? Hebrews 11:39-40.
 4. What does Paul call the new Jerusalem? Galatians 4:22-26.
 5. How is the new Jerusalem described? Revelation 21:10-11.
 6. Was this city available for occupancy during Abraham's or David's time? John 14:1-3.
- NOTE: The holy city, new Jerusalem, had to be prepared by Jesus. He said He had to go prepare it for us. Therefore, no one could have gone there because it did not exist prior to His return to heaven. Besides that, all the saints who ever lived are waiting in their graves.*
7. After ruling and reigning with Christ a thousand years on this earth, what will happen to the present Jerusalem? Revelation 21:1.
 8. What else is clear as crystal? Revelation 22:1.
 9. Who may enter this city? Revelation 22:14; 21:7.
 10. Who will not be in this Jerusalem? Revelation 22:15; 21:8.

Lesson For Sabbath, March 22, 2008

THE WARRING PHASE

Scripture Reading: Revelation 19:11-21.

Golden Text: Revelation 17:14.

1. What is Jesus ready to do in Revelation 19:11?
2. Who will accompany Him at that time? Revelation 19:14; Matthew 24:31.

NOTE: Notice that the elect are being gathered from one end of heaven to the other. They were on the sea of glass, the plagues were poured out, now they are ready to fight with their Lord.

3. What comes out of His mouth? Revelation 19:15; Revelation 1:16.
4. How is the Word of God described in Hebrews? Hebrews 4:12.

NOTE: Jesus, as spokesman, (the Word) uses the Word (the Bible) as His weapon. Why? Because all mankind will be judged by the Word of God. (Revelation 20:12).

5. When a saint puts on his armor, what type of weapon is to be taken? Ephesians 6:17.
6. Who will fight against Jesus and His armies? Revelation 17:12-14; Zechariah 14:1-3.
7. How long will Christ reign? Revelation 20:4.
8. What does He have to do during this reign? I Corinthians 15:20-27.
9. When all things are subdued, what does the Son do? I Corinthians 15:28.

Lesson For Sabbath, March 29, 2008

STEWARDSHIP

Scripture Reading: Genesis 1.

Golden Text: Genesis 1:28.

1. What does God say He made? Isaiah 45:12.
 2. To whom does the earth and its inhabitants belong? Psalm 24:1; 89:11.
 3. Why was everything created? Revelation 4:9-11.
 4. Even though everything belongs to God, what did He choose to do? Genesis 1:26.
 5. Was man's stewardship pleasing to God? Genesis 6:5-6.
 6. Why was the Lord pleased with Noah? Genesis 6:8-9; 7:1.
 7. What was acceptable about Abraham? Genesis 18:17-19.
 8. Of what are we warned? Romans 1:24-25.
- NOTE: Having dominion over something is to be in charge of or reign over-not to worship. Today people seem to be more worried about the environment (the created) then they are about God (the Creator).*
9. Who is a faithful and wise steward? Luke 12:42-44.
 10. What will faithful stewardship bring? Matthew 25:14-23.