

These Perilous Times

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**What Do God's People Believe?
Part XX**

When we consider the majestic mountains, the flowing rivers, the picturesque landscapes, the beautiful sun rises and sunsets around the globe, our minds must be in awe, and drawn to a Heavenly Creator.

Genesis 1:1, states that; "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth," and in verse 31 it states that it was very good! I feel so sorry for atheists, agnostics, and evolutionists, who haven't got a clue what it means to be a Bible-believing Christian, who without wavering demonstrate their faith in "Creation's Story."

What does this mean for us?

We understand as God's remnant people that after *six literal days of creation* that God set aside ***HIS Holy day***, *the seventh day of the week*, as a memorial of His creative power and works.

Obvious Signs Do Tell The Season

What a blessing many Christians miss by not honoring the only day God calls Holy. According to Ezekiel 20:12, and 20:20 God's Holy Sabbath is a *sign between Him and His people* that they might know that it is He that sanctifies them.

"While the Sabbath as a day of rest was repeated to Israel in the Ten Commandments given at Sinai, it was God's intention that *it should be a blessing to all nations*.

Even foreigners {*'strangers within they gates'*, Ex. 20:10, emphasis supplied}, in Israel were to keep the Sabbath and experience its joy {Isaiah 56:6}. Also in God's final warning message to the world for all humanity, symbolized by the three angels of Revelation 14:6-12 men and women are called again to *recognize God as the Creator and to keep His Commandments*.

Therefore, in the end time {*in which we are now living, emphasis supplied*}, *the Sabbath will stand out with special significance, transformed into a special test of loyalty to*

God in an era of global apostasy” ¹ Rev. 13:8-14:15, {Emphasis supplied}.

Seventh-day Adventists Believe...

20. The Sabbath

“The beneficent Creator, after six days of Creation, rested on the seventh day and instituted the Sabbath for all people as a memorial of Creation.

The fourth commandment of God's unchangeable law requires the observance of this seventh-day Sabbath as the day of *rest, worship, and ministry in harmony with the teaching and practice of Jesus, the Lord of the Sabbath*.

The Sabbath is a day of delightful communion with God and one another. *It is a symbol of our redemption in Christ*, as a sign of our sanctification, a token of our allegiance, and a foretaste of our eternal future in God's kingdom.

The Sabbath is God's perpetual sign of His eternal covenant between Him and His people. Joyful observance of this holy time from evening to evening, sunset to sunset, is a celebration of

¹ “We Believe, “Signs of the Times Magazine-Special Edition,” p. 25

God's Creative and redemptive acts, " ² {Gen. 2:1-3; Ex. 20:8-11; Luke 14:6; Isa. 56:5, 6; 58:13, 14; Matt 12:1-12; Ex. 31:13-17; Ezek. 20:12, 20; Deut. 5:12-15; Heb. 4:1-11; Lev. 23:32; Mark 1:32, Emphasis supplied}.



² Seventh-day Adventists Believe, "A Biblical Exposition of Fundamental Beliefs," 2005, pp. 281-300.