

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.

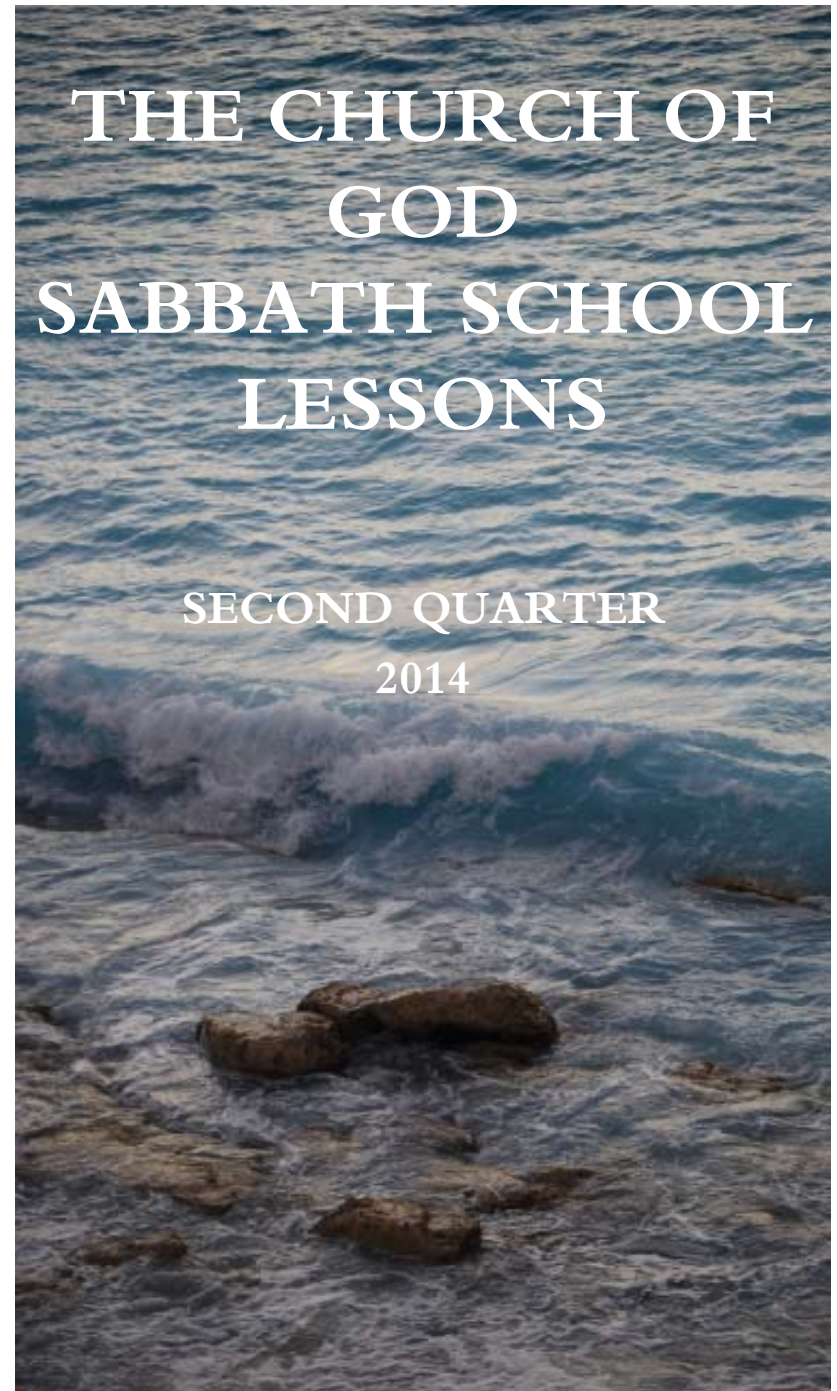
VI. Thou shalt not kill.

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.



Lesson For Sabbath, April 5, 2014**THE PASSOVER**

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IN THIS QUARTERLY

We start off this quarter with the Old Testament Passover and learn how Jesus used this event to introduce His Supper. Our primary focus is on the beginning of the Book of Revelation, some of its meanings, and the letters to the seven churches of Asia Minor. While these churches did actually exist nineteen hundred years ago, the verses, either uplifting or correcting, are as real today. That truly is the miracle of the Word of God. It was written over millenia, but is applicable now.

Scripture Reading: Exodus 12:1-14.
Golden Text: John 1:29.

1. Why was Israel to keep the Passover? Exodus 12:21-23.
 2. Were they to explain this observance to their children? Exodus 12:26-27.
 3. Was this the only time they were to observe this ordinance? Exodus 12:24.
 4. What happened at midnight? Exodus 11:4-6; 12:29.
 5. How prepared and ready were the Israelites to be when they ate the Passover? Exodus 12:11.
- NOTE: Israel was forewarned and given a time of deliverance. We have been forewarned, but like Jesus, we do not know the day or hour.*
6. How are we to prepare for Christ's return? Mark 13:34-37.
 7. After all the firstborn died, how did Pharaoh and the Egyptians react? Exodus 12:30-36.
 8. Did Israel keep the Passover in the wilderness of Sinai? Numbers 9:1-5.
 9. Was the Passover observed under Joshua? Joshua 5:2-10.
 10. What did Jesus celebrate before He was betrayed in the garden? Matthew 26:17-21.

Lesson For Sabbath, April 12, 2014

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Scripture Reading: Mark 14:12-26.

Golden Text: John 6:53.

NOTE: In our last lesson, we learned that Christ kept the Passover, but after the meal He taught His disciples something new.

1. After the Passover meal what did Jesus do for His disciples? John 13:4-5, 12-17.

NOTE: This act of humility is done before taking the unleavened bread and fruit of the vine.

2. What else is instituted at this time? Luke 22:19-20.

3. Why was Christ's blood shed? Matthew 26:27-28.

4. What else did His blood do for us? Acts 20:28; I Peter 1:18-19.

5. How does Jesus refer to Himself in John 6? John 6:32-35, 48.

6. How important is it to partake of these emblems? John 6:49-53.

7. Why? John 6:54-58.

8. John called Jesus the Lamb of God (John 1:29), but what does Paul call Him? I Corinthians 5:7.

9. What do we memorialize when we come together to keep this Supper? I Corinthians 11:26; Exodus 13:10.

10. Because it is a memorial of Christ's death, what does Paul write about spiritual condition? I Corinthians 11:27-30.

Lesson For Sabbath, April 19, 2014

THE KINGDOM

Scripture Reading: Matthew 3.

Golden Text: Matthew 10:7.

1. What did Jesus begin to preach after John was cast into prison? Matthew 4:12-17; Mark 1:14-15.

2. What else did He do when He was preaching and teaching about the kingdom? Matthew 4:23; 5:3,10, 12.

3. Is there a relationship between the commandments and the kingdom? Matthew 5:17-19.

4. Is there a relationship between righteousness and the kingdom? Matthew 5:20.

5. How long has the kingdom been prepared for man? Matthew 25:31-34.

6. Once we put our hand to the plough and look back, what do we read? Luke 9:57-62.

7. Before His ascension, what was Christ doing with the apostles? Acts 1:1-3.

8. While Abraham was promised land for his heirs, what else was he looking for to be accomplished? Hebrews 11:8-10.

9. What will happen to the kingdoms of this world? Revelation 11:15.

10. How is the kingdom or New Jerusalem described? Revelation 21:10-21.

11. Where do we find the saints? Revelation 15:2.

Lesson For Sabbath, April 26, 2014

INTRODUCTION TO REVELATION

Scripture Reading: Revelation 1.

Golden Text: II Peter 1:20.

NOTE: Some call John the Revelator, but it is the Revelation of Jesus Christ. He got it from His Father and gave it to John "by His angel." John is the writer.

1. What was John told to do with the things he has seen? Revelation 1:1-2,19.
2. How did Paul receive his knowledge? Galatians 1:12; 2:2; Romans 16:25-26; Ephesians 3:3,6.
3. What is essential to have things revealed to us? Psalm 25:14; 111:10; Amos 3:7.
4. What did Daniel testify to King Nebuchadnezzar? Daniel 2:28.
5. Did Joseph say as much to Pharaoh? Genesis 41:14-16.
6. When Jesus was praying on a certain occasion, what do we read? Matthew 11:25-27.
7. Why did Jesus use parables? Matthew 13:10-13.
8. What did Paul say about his preaching to the Corinthians? I Corinthians 2:1-4.
9. How important is it to have the Holy Spirit? John 14:16-17; 15:26; 16:12-13.
10. Will we receive a blessing if we read or hear the words of the Book of Revelation? Revelation 1:3.

Lesson For Sabbath, May 3, 2014

MEANINGS

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 53.

Golden Text: Matthew 17:5.

NOTE: The Book of Revelation discusses many subjects and uses different expressions and symbols.

1. In Revelation 1:4, we read about the seven spirits. What are they? Isaiah 11:1-2; Revelation 4:5; 5:6.
2. Revelation 1:5 tells about His blood washing us from our sins. What else did His blood do for us? Acts 20:28; I Peter 1:18-19.
3. John writes that the saints will be kings and priests. Was Israel told as much? Revelation 1:6; Exodus 19:3-6.
4. Where do we read about being kings and priests again? Revelation 5:9-10.
5. Will Israel be restored? Isaiah 61:6.
6. When Jesus returns at the warring phase, how is it described? Revelation 1:7 (first part); 19:11-16.
7. What will Israel do at this time? Revelation 1:7 (second part); Zechariah 12:10-11; 13:6.
8. Why is the dragon wroth with the woman? Revelation 1:9; 12:17.
9. What is the testimony of Jesus? Revelation 19:10.
10. What are we told about the seven golden candlesticks and the seven stars? Revelation 1:20.

Lesson For Sabbath, May 10, 2014

THE KEYS OF HELL AND DEATH

Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 32:1-29.

Golden Text: Revelation 14:13.

1. What does Jesus say about Himself in Revelation 1:18.
2. What is the consequence of sin? Genesis 2:17; 3:19; Romans 6:23.
3. How does the Apostle Paul write about this fact? Romans 5:12-14; I Corinthians 15:20-22.
4. Who then is able to save mankind from this curse? Romans 5:15.
5. Did Christ have victory over the grave and death? I Corinthians 15:54-57; II Timothy 1:10-11; Hosea 13:14; Isaiah 25:8-9.
6. In Matthew 16:18, Jesus talks about the gates of hell.

NOTE: He is a saying that the church will not die. Hell is a place of death, but it is not the everlasting fire and place of torment that will never end.

7. What does Job say about the grave and death? Job 19:25-27; 14:14; 17:13-16.
8. What words does Jesus use concerning all that are in their graves? John 5:24-29.
9. Will all the dead, small and great, be resurrected? Revelation 20:11-13.
10. What happens to death and hell (the grave)? Revelation 20:14-15.

NOTE: Once Jesus takes care of death and hell, He turns everything back over to His Father. I Corinthians 15:24-28. The Lake of Fire will no longer be necessary.

Lesson For Sabbath, May 17, 2014

EPHESIANS

Scripture Reading: Revelation 2:1-7; Acts 20:17-21.

Golden Text: Revelation 2:2.

NOTE: According to the New Ungers Bible Dictionary, Ephesus enjoyed great prosperity under Rome. Here the Roman Governor resided, and here Paul conducted the longest of his city ministries. Ephesus is where we find the great temple to Diana also known as Artemis.

1. How mighty did the Word of God grow in Ephesus? Acts 19:15-20.
2. How did the silversmiths make their living? Acts 19:23-25.
3. What did Demetrius say about Paul? Acts 19:26-27.
4. How did the people react? Acts 19:28-29, 33-35.
5. What does Jesus say about the Ephesian church? Revelation 2:2-3.

NOTE: Apparently there were false apostles at this time which reminds us of Jesus' words in Matthew 24:4.

6. What does He say against them? Revelation 2:4.

NOTE: Their first love would have been their zeal.

7. They are commended for hating evil. Psalm 26:5; 139:22.
8. They have patience and have not fainted. Ecclesiastes 7:8; Romans 5:3.
9. Of what are we reminded? Matthew 10:22; 24:13.
10. What happens to those who overcome? Revelation 2:7; 22:1-2.

Lesson For Sabbath, May 24, 2014

SMYRNA AND PERGAMOS

Scripture Reading: Revelation 2:8-11.

Golden Text: Matthew 10:22.

NOTE: Smyrna was the largest city in the land of Iona, 40 miles North of Ephesus.

1. What is the physical and spiritual state of the Smyrna church? Revelation 2:9; James 2:5; Luke 12:21.
2. What is the blasphemy written of in verse 9 of Revelation 2?
3. Revelation was written thirty plus years after Paul realized what was happening to Israel. Acts 28:25-28.

NOTE: The Jews (Israel) were blinded by this time.

4. Even though they may suffer, what will they receive if they remain faithful? Revelation 2:10.
5. How would the overcomer benefit? Revelation 2:11.

Pergamos

Scripture Reading: Revelation 2:12-17.

NOTE: Pergamos, "addicted to idolatry and its grove, which was one of the wonders of the place, was fitted with statues and altars."

1. Whose seat was in Pergamos? Revelation 2:13 (first part).
2. What had become deeds in Ephesus became doctrines in Pergamos. Revelation 2:6,15.
3. Who was martyred in Pergamos? Revelation 2:13 (second part).
4. Whose doctrines do we read about? Revelation 2:14; Numbers 22:5-6.
5. What will be given to him that overcometh? Revelation 2:17.

Lesson For Sabbath, May 31, 2014

THYATIRA

Scripture Reading: Revelation 2:18-29.

Golden Text: Revelation 2:25.

NOTE: Thyatira was the smallest of the church cities and was known for its textiles and dyeing.

1. Does it sound like the church is improving? Revelation 2:19.
2. What does the Lord find against them? Revelation 2:20.
3. What instruction does Paul write to Timothy concerning this matter? I Timothy 2:11-12.
4. Why? I Timothy 2:13-15.
5. What do we read about Jezebel? I Kings 16:31; 21:25; II Kings 9:7,10.
6. What instruction is given to the Corinthians by Paul? I Corinthians 10:19-20.
7. By contrast, who is Lydia? Acts 16:14-15.

NOTE: Jezebel is teaching people to do the wrong things while Lydia is striving to serve others.

8. What does Christ say He will do to her children? Revelation 2:23; Jeremiah 17:10.
9. What encouraging words did Jesus tell the faithful in this church? Revelation 2:24-25.
10. What will the overcomers receive? Revelation 2:26-29.

Lesson For Sabbath, June 7, 2014

SARDIS

Scripture Reading: Revelation 3:1-6.
Golden Text: Jude 21.

NOTE: Sardis was one of the oldest cities of the seven churches and the capital of Lydia. It was made wealthy by textile manufacturing and jewelry making. Wealthy Sardis citizens took up with master cults, notably with that of Cybele, an earth goddess also called Magna Mater or Great Mother.

1. How does Jesus identify Himself to the Sardis church? Revelation 3:1 (first part); Isaiah 11:1-2; Revelation 1:16,20.
2. What does He say about their works? Revelation 3:1 (second part) to 3:2.
3. Of what does He remind them? Revelation 3:3 (first part).

NOTE: Repent means to change.

4. What will happen if they do not watch? Revelation 3:3 (second part).

NOTE: While the world needs a watchman, a child of God should always be ready.

5. Was everyone in this church missing the mark? Revelation 3:4.
6. What will these members receive? Revelation 3:5 (first part); 19:7-8,14; Ecclesiastes 9:8.
7. What else will happen? Revelation 3:5 (middle part); Philippians 4:3; Revelation 20:15; 21:27; 22:19.
8. Will Jesus confess their names before God and His angels? Revelation 3:5 (last part); Luke 12:8.

Lesson for Sabbath, June 14, 2014

PHILADELPHIA

Scripture Reading: Revelation 3:7-13.
Golden Text: Revelation 3:11.

NOTE: The city of brotherly love.

1. How does Jesus identify Himself to this church? Revelation 3:7; 19:11; John 14:6.
2. Where else do we find the key of David? Isaiah 22:22.
3. What does He say about their works? Revelation 3:8.

NOTE: They are a small, poor church, but with the Lord's help they will make an impact.

4. What are they to behold? Revelation 3:9.
5. How did Jesus warn the Pharisees? John 8:43-44; 5:39,46; Matthew 8:11-12.
6. Of what are they commended? Revelation 3:10 (first part); John 14:15; Revelation 14:12.
7. By keeping His word, how would they benefit? Revelation 3:10 (second part); I Thessalonians 1:2,7-10; Revelation 15:1.
8. Who will receive of these plagues? Ephesians 5:6-7; Colossians 3:5-6.
9. What other reward is mentioned to this church? Revelation 3:11; I Corinthians 9:25; II Timothy 4:8; James 1:12.
10. To him that overcomes what will be done? Revelation 3:12; 21:10,14; Ephesians 2:19-20.

Lesson For Sabbath, June 21, 2014

LAODICEA

Scripture Reading: Revelation 3:14-22.

Golden Text: Revelation 3:19.

NOTE: The Laodicean condition is one of spiritual lukewarmness and worldliness.

1. How does Jesus introduce Himself to this church? Revelation 3:14; Colossians 1:15.

2. The word "Amen" means "the truth." When Jesus uses the expressions of "truly" or "verily, verily" they are followed by facts. Matthew 9:37; John 1:51; 3:3,11.

3. What facts do we read about in Revelation 3:15 (first part).

NOTE: Their complacency is confusing. One day they may be hot (zealous) and the next day cold.

4. What does the Lord prefer? Revelation 3:15 (last part).

NOTE: It is easier to deal with this type of person because you know where he stands.

5. How will He deal with this lukewarmness? Revelation 3:16.

6. What is their financial condition at this time? Revelation 3:17 (first part).

7. Because of this financial condition, what don't they realize? Revelation 3:17 (second part).

8. What are they counseled to do? Revelation 3:18.

9. Where do we find the Lord at this time? Revelation 3:20.

10. What will the overcomer be allowed to do? Revelation 3:21.

Lesson For Sabbath, June 28, 2014

WHAT TO EXPECT IN THE LAST DAYS

Scripture Reading: II Peter 3.

Golden Text: II Peter 3:9.

1. What kind of people will we encounter in the last days? II Peter 3:3.

2. What does Isaiah write about evil people? Isaiah 5:20-23.

3. How does Paul present this information to Timothy? II Timothy 3:1-5.

4. What were the scoffers questioning according to Peter? II Peter 3:4.

5. Of what will they be ignorant? II Peter 3:5-6.

6. Will ignorant people have any excuse for their behavior? Romans 1:18-20.

7. Are the present day heaven and earth reserved for anything? II Peter 3:7.

8. Why did God destroy the earth with the flood? Genesis 6:5-7, 11-13.

9. What can we expect in the future? Revelation 6:12-17; 16:1; 18:4-8.

10. How quickly can the day of the Lord be upon us? II Peter 3:10.