

# SIGNED AND SEALED WITH THE NAME OF GOD

The Translation Generation ~Part Six

**Thesis:** The “seal of God” in the “forehead” of God’s people is the Bible’s way of describing the fact that they are irrevocably, immovably settled into the truth of God’s love, fully and forever convinced of His good character, and restored to the image of God’s love in their own characters. The outward sign of this inward reality is the Sabbath, for the Sabbath perfectly embodies the essence of God’s character and our rightful relation to God. The Sabbath is a divinely established reminder that our salvation is 100% the gift of God’s grace, totally His accomplishment in Christ and not ours, to be received into our lives by faith alone.

**The Seal of God is The Name of God is The Character of God is  
The Love of God is The Rest of Man**

**Revelation 7:2-3**—2 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 granted to harm the earth and the sea, 3 saying, “Do not harm the earth, the sea, or the trees till we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.”

**Revelation 14:1, KJV**—...having His Father’s name written in their foreheads.

**John 17:26**—I have declared to them Your name, and will declare it, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them.

**John 6:27**—God the Father has set His seal on Him (Jesus).

**Hebrews 1:3, NRSV**—He is the reflection of God’s glory and the exact imprint of God’s very being.

## **The Concept of a “Seal”**

### **Irrevocable, Changeless, Shut Up:**

**Esther 8:8**—You yourselves write a decree concerning the Jews, as you please, in the king’s name, and seal it with the king’s signet ring; for whatever is written in the king’s name and sealed with the king’s signet ring no one can revoke.

**Daniel 6:17**—Then a stone was brought and laid on the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet ring and with the signets of his lords, that the purpose concerning Daniel might not be changed.

**Song of Solomon 4:12**— A garden enclosed is my sister, my spouse, a spring shut up, a fountain sealed.

### **A Reproduced Shape:**

**Job 38:14, NIV**—The earth takes shape like clay under a seal; its features stand out like those of a garment.

**Ezekiel 28:12**—You were the seal of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.

**NOTE:** To know God’s name is to know His love.

**NOTE:** Seal from the Hebrew word, chatham, which means “to fasten up by sealing, to lock up, to be stopped” (Strong’s).

**NOTE:** “the model of perfection” (NIV); “the signet of perfection” (NRSV).

### **Signed and Sealed:**

**Jeremiah 32:44**—Fields shall be bought for money, and deeds shall be signed and sealed and witnessed.

**Romans 4:11**—He received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had while still uncircumcised.

### **The Signature of God:**

**Genesis 9:13**—I set My rainbow in the cloud, and it shall be for the sign of the covenant between Me and the earth.

**Exodus 12:7, 13**—7 They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses... 13 Now the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you are.

### **Sealed in The Reality of God's Love**

**Song of Solomon 8:6**—Set (bind) me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm; for love is as strong as death, jealousy as cruel (unyielding) as the grave; its flames are flames of fire, a most vehement flame (the fire of Yahweh).

**Deuteronomy 6:4-8**—4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one! 5 You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. 6 And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. 7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. 8 You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.

**Colossians 3:14**—Above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.

### **Sealed By the Holy Spirit**

**2 Corinthians 1:22**—21 Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God, 22 who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

**Ephesians 1:13-14**—13 In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, 14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

**Ephesians 3:14-19**—14 For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, 15 from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, 16 that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, 17 that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height—19 to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

**Ephesians 4:30**—Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

**Romans 5:5**—The love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

**NOTE:** "Sign" is from the Hebrew word *Owth*, which means "token, ensign, a distinguishing mark, a banner, a remembrance" (Strong's).

### ***"Behold Your God"—Isaiah 40:9***

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## The Sabbath As The Signature of God's Character

**Exodus 31:16-17**—16 Therefore the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations as a perpetual covenant. 17 It is a sign between Me and the children of Israel forever; for in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, and on the seventh day He rested and was refreshed.

### Faith Intrinsic To Man's Relation To God

**Genesis 1:27**—God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

**Genesis 2:18, 21-22**—21 The LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. 22 Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man.

**Hebrews 11:1, 3**—1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen... 3 By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.

**Genesis 2:1-3**—1 Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished. 2 And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. 3 Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.

### A Memorial of Creation and of Deliverance

**Exodus 20:8-11**—8 Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. 9 Six days you shall labor and do all your work, 10 but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God. In it you shall do no work... 11 For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.

**Deuteronomy 5:12-15**—12 Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. 13 Six days you shall labor and do all your work, 14 but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God. In it you shall do no work... 15 And remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there by a mighty hand and by an outstretched arm; therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day.

### The Creation Salvation Parallel

**2 Corinthians 5:17**—Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

**Ephesians 2:8-10**—8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast. 10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

**John 17:4**—I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do.

**John 19:30**—So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

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**NOTE:** The etymology of the word, "Sabbath." The Hebrew word is, Shabbath, and is composed of three parts:

- (1) SHA, which means *eternal*
- (2) AB [Abba], which means *Father*
- (3) BATH [beth], which means *home* or *place* or *sign*

Sabbath means, *Home of the Eternal Father*. In his wonderful book, *The Sabbath*, the Hebrew scholar, Abraham Joshua Heschel, appropriately called the Sabbath, God's "palace in time." Regardless of the space-local geographical whereabouts of any created being, God, who transcends space, meets with each one in time every Sabbath day.

**NOTE:** Adam and Eve were created on the sixth day, after ALL the work of Creation was "finished." They did not participate in the work of Creation, nor did they witness it with their eyes. They awoke to receive it as a free gift from their Maker by faith alone. Then they rested on the seventh day as their first full day of life.

**NOTE:** For sin as bondage and salvation as liberty see Romans 6:14-16; Galatians 5:1.

**NOTE:** See also Ephesians 4:23-24; Psalm 51:10-12.

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### **We Rest By Faith in His Finished Work of Salvation**

**Hebrews 4:1-3 9, NIV**—1Therefore, since the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us be careful that none of you be found to have fallen short of it. 2For we also have had the gospel preached to us, just as they did; but the message they heard was of no value to them, because those who heard did not combine it with faith. 3Now we who have believed enter that rest... 9There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; 10for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from his own work, just as God did from his.

**Matthew 11:28-30**—28Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.

**Isaiah 26:12**—LORD, You will establish peace (rest) for us, For You have also done all our works in us.

### **The Seal of God Versus The Mark of the Beast**

**Revelation 13:1, 6**—1...on his heads a blasphemous name... 6 Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name... 7 It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them... 8 All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. 9 If anyone has an ear, let him hear.

**Revelation 13:15-18, NIV**—15 He was given power to give breath to the image of the first beast, so that it could speak and cause all who refused to worship the image to be killed. 16 He also forced everyone, small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on his right hand or on his forehead, 17 so that no-one could buy or sell unless he had the mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of his name. 18 This calls for wisdom. If anyone has insight, let him calculate the number of the beast, for it is man's number. His number is 666.

**Revelation 14:11**—They have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name.

**Revelation 14:1, KJV**—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 14:12-13**—12 Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. 13 Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, "Write: 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.'" "Yes," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them."

**Revelation 15:2-4**—2 And I saw something like a sea of glass mingled with fire, and those who have the victory over the beast, over his image and over his mark and over the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, having harps of God. 3 They sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying: "Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty! Just and true are Your ways, O King of the saints! 4 Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy. For all nations shall come and worship before You, for Your judgments have been manifested."

**NOTE:** Dr. Sang Lee tells of a rest/stress study, composed of the alarm clock group and the no alarm group. \$1000 was offered to each person in the first group if they could wake up at 6am on the dot with the use of an alarm. \$100 was offered to each person in the second group for participating, and \$900 more if they woke at 6am on the dot without an alarm. All were hooked up to machines to monitor brain activity; also blood was drawn to monitor hormonal activity. At about 4am on average the no-alarm group began to release stress hormones and the brain began to become active preparatory to waking, increasingly more restless until most awakened at 6am. The alarm group remained in a state of stress-free rest and woke at 6am to the alarm. They simply trusted the clock to wake them, so they could rest.

**NOTE:** The Beast defames God's name by claiming to represent God while using force to secure worship, thus hiding from human conception the knowledge of God's love.

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