THE SEVENTH-DAY SABBATH IS THE SIGN THAT THE LORD IS THE TRUE GOD!

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NOTE: - All Bible texts are taken from the <u>King James Version</u>; and the compiler has supplied all emphasis throughout this article.

THE GOD OF THE BIBLE IS THE CREATOR GOD OF THE UNIVERSE: -

Genesis 1:1: - "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."

<u>Revelation 4:11: -</u> "Thou art worthy, **O Lord,** to receive glory and honour and power: **for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created."**

THE LORD IS THE LIVING AND TRUE GOD BECAUSE HE IS THE CREATOR OF ALL THINGS: -

<u>Jeremiah 10:10 - 12: -</u> "But the LORD [is] the true God, he [is] the living God, and an everlasting king: at his wrath the earth shall tremble, and the nations shall not be able to abide his indignation. Thus shall ye say unto them, The gods that have not made the heavens and the earth, [even] they shall perish from the earth, and from under these heavens. He hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and hath stretched out the heavens by his discretion."

Acts 14:14 & 15: - "[Which] when the apostles, Barnabas and Paul, heard [of], they rent their clothes, and ran in among the people, crying out, and saying, Sirs, why do ye these things? We also are men of like passions with you, and preach unto you that ye should turn from these vanities unto the living God, which made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all things that are therein."

ONLY THE CREATOR GOD OF THE BIBLE CAN SAVE – ALL THE gods OF THE HEATHEN CANNOT SAVE THEM, THEY HAVE NO LIFE IN THEM – THEY ARE INANIMATE SENSELESS OBJECTS: -

<u>Isaiah 45:18 - 22: -</u> "For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I [am] the LORD; and [there is] none else. I have not spoken in secret, in a dark place of the earth: I said not unto the seed of Jacob, Seek ye me in vain: I the LORD speak righteousness, I declare things that are right. Assemble yourselves and come; draw near together, ye [that are] escaped of the nations: they have no knowledge that set up the wood of their graven image, and pray unto a god [that] cannot save. Tell ye, and bring [them] near; yea, let them take counsel together: who hath declared this from ancient time? [who] hath told it from that time? [have] not I the LORD? and [there is] no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; [there is] none beside me. Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I [am] God, and [there is] none else."

<u>Isaiah 46:5 - 7: -</u> "To whom will ye liken me, and make [me] equal, and compare me, that we may be like? **They lavish gold out of the bag, and weigh silver in the balance, [and] hire a goldsmith; and he maketh it a god: they fall down, yea, they worship. They bear him upon the shoulder, they carry him, and set him in his place, and he standeth; from his place shall he not remove: yea, [one] shall cry unto him, yet can he not answer, nor save him out of his trouble."**

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THE CREATOR OF ALL THINGS IS ALSO OUR REDEEMER JESUS CHRIST: -

<u>Isaiah 44:24: -</u> "Thus saith the LORD, thy redeemer, and he that formed thee from the womb, I [am] the LORD that maketh all [things]; that stretcheth forth the heavens alone; that spreadeth abroad the earth by myself."

Colossians 1:13 - 17: - "Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated [us] into the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom we have redemption through his blood, [even] the forgiveness of sins: Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether [they be] thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist."

GOS'S GLORY, ETERNAL POWER AND DIVINITY ARE REVEALED BY THE THINGS THAT HE HAS CREATED: -

Psalms 19:1: - "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handiwork."

Romans 1:20: - "For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, **being understood by the things that are made, [even] his eternal power and Godhead;** so that they are without excuse."

NOTE: - The Greek word that is translated as "Godhead" is the word "theiotes" – See Strong's Concordance; Greek, No. 2305. It is defined as "divinity, divine nature."

THE LORD HAS MADE A MEMORIAL FOR HIS WONDERFUL WORKS: -

<u>Psalms 111:4: -</u> "**He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered:** the LORD [is] gracious and full of compassion."

HIS WONDERFUL WORKS OF CREATION ARE THE WORKS OF THE LORD'S HAND: -

<u>Psalms 8:3 - 8: -</u> "When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him? For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour. **Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands**; thou hast put all [things] under his feet: All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field; The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, [and whatsoever] passeth through the paths of the seas."

<u>Isaiah 45:11 & 12: -</u> "Thus saith the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker, Ask me of things to come concerning my sons, and concerning the work of my hands command ye me. I have made the earth, and

¹ A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature, by Walter Bauer, page 354.

created man upon it: I, [even] my hands, have stretched out the heavens, and all their host have I commanded."

<u>Hebrews 1:10: -</u> "And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands."

GOD'S MEMORIAL OF HIS WONDERFUL WORK OF CREATION IS THE SEVENTH DAY SABBATH: -

Genesis 2:1 - 3: - "Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made."

Exodus 20:8 - 11: - "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."

THE SEVENTH DAY SABBATH IS THE ETERNAL SIGN THAT THE LORD IS THE CREATOR OF HEAVEN AND EARTH: -

Exodus 31:16 & 17: - "Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to observe the sabbath throughout their generations, [for] a perpetual covenant. 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."

A BRIEF SUMMARY: -

- > The God of the Bible is the ONLY Living and True God because he is the Creator of all things in the Universe.
- > It is the fact that the Lord is the Creator God that distinguishes him from the senseless and lifeless gods of the heathen religions.
- > The things that he has made reveal the glory, eternal power and divinity of God.
- > The seventh-day Sabbath is the memorial and sign that the Lord is the Creator of heaven and earth.
- > Therefore, the seventh-day Sabbath is THE SIGN that the Lord is the Living and True God.