THE SEAL OF THE LIVING GOD: -

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It was stated recently "you won't find it written in the New Testament that the seventh-day Sabbath is the Seal of God." This is a true statement by itself, but it is not quoting the words of Scripture correctly. We reply that while your statement is true by itself, you don't really know what you should be looking for to find the truth concerning this issue.

The Scriptures refers to "the seal of the living God" – Revelation 7:2, and that expression "the living God" is full of meaning and significance and contains the whole key to this issue, which you have overlooked entirely.

Revelation 7:2 - 4: - "And I saw another angel ascending from the east, <u>having the seal of the living God:</u> and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads. And I heard the number of them which were sealed: <u>and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.</u>"

• In the Scriptures of both the Old and New Testaments, "the living God" is distinguished from all false gods and idols, because he is the Creator of heaven and earth and all things therein.
Jeremiah 10:10 - 12: - "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."

 The Living God spoke his holy Law of Ten Commandments to the congregation of Israel amidst the fire and majestic splendour on Mount Sinai.

<u>Deuteronomy 5:22 & 26:</u> "These words the LORD spake unto all your assembly in the mount out of the midst of the fire, of the cloud, and of the thick darkness, with a great voice: and he added no more. And he wrote them in two tables of stone, and delivered them unto me. ... For who is there of all flesh, that hath heard the voice of the living God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as we have, and lived?"

The Living God is the Saviour of all people, who we know is the Lord Jesus Christ.

- <u>1 Timothy 4:10:</u> "For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because **we trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men,** specially of those that believe."
- <u>2 Peter 3:18: -</u> "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge **of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.** To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen."
- Therefore our Saviour the Lord Jesus Christ is the Living God who spoke his holy Law upon Mount Sinai with his own voice. Not only is the Living God the Creator God of the Bible, but he is also the Divine Lawgiver of the Moral Law of Ten Commandments. With these simple scriptural facts before us we can now see that what we need to be looking for in the Bible is the "seal of the Creator God" who is also the Divine Lawgiver and Saviour of the world. Could it be that we shall find the seal of the Creator God within his holy Law of Ten Commandments? Yes we most certainly do find his seal within his holy Law!
 - We find that the Lord himself told Moses that the Sabbath day (that is the seventh-day Sabbath) is a sign between him and the children of Israel forever that he made the heavens and the earth in six days, and that he rested upon the seventh day. This is the sign that the Lord is the Creator God.
 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."
 - The fact that the Lord refers to the Sabbath day being a sign between him and the children of Israel forever, will be raised by many Christians as not having any relevance to this issue because "we are New Covenant Christians and not Jews." But we must remember that the original statement in the New Testament which refers to "the seal of the living God" in Revelation 7:2 4, informs us that 144, 000 from the tribes of Israel are going to be the ones who will be sealed with this seal, so therefore Exodus 31:16 & 17 is directly relevant to this issue. And most importantly, we must acknowledge that the Lord has made the New Covenant with the house of Israel and not with the Gentiles. In fact, both covenants have been made with the house of Israel.
 - <u>Jeremiah 31:31 34: -</u> "<u>Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:</u> Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD: <u>But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel;</u> After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."
 - Romans 9:3 5: "For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh: **Who are Israelites; to whom pertaineth** the adoption, and the glory, **and the covenants**, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises; Whose are the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ came, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen."
 - <u>Ephesians 2:11 & 12: -</u> "Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past **Gentiles in the flesh**, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands; **That at that time**

ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world."

Also remember that the apostle Paul has taught that the true Jew is the person who is circumcised in the heart, and those who belong to Christ are Abraham's seed or offspring.

Romans 2:28 & 29: - "For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God."

Romans 9:6 - 8: - "Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect. For they are not all Israel, which are of Israel: Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children: but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called. That is, **They which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed.**"

Galatians 3:7 & 29: - "Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham. ... And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise."

- Jesus stated that if we are truly Abraham's seed we would do the works of Abraham.
 John 8:39: "They answered and said unto him, Abraham is our father. Jesus saith unto them, If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham."
- God himself testified that Abraham was a Commandment-keeper.
 Genesis 26:5: "Because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws."
- Therefore if we are Abraham's true seed or descendants, we will be Commandment-keepers like Abraham, keeping the Commandments by faith.
 Romans 3:31: "Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law."

The 144,000 mentioned in Revelation 7:2 - 4 who are sealed with "the seal of the Living - Creator God", are Abraham's true seed or descendants, being part of spiritual Israel, who keep the seventh-day Sabbath as the everlasting sign that the Lord is the Creator God.