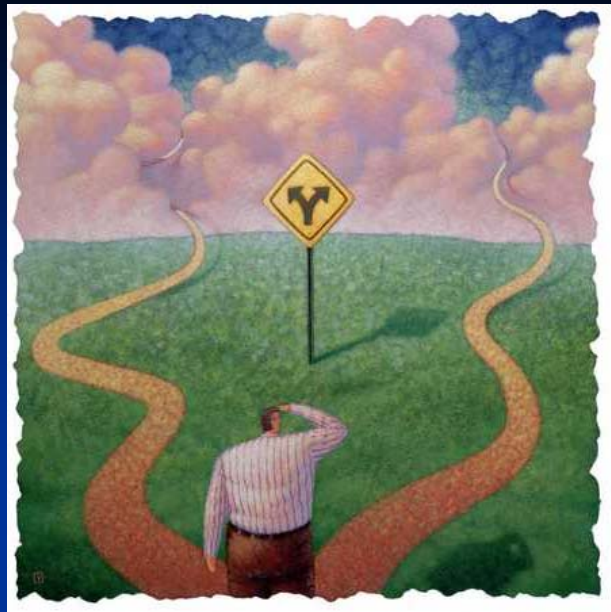



The Seal of





Your word is a lamp to my feet
And a light to my path.

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Psalm 119:105, NKJV

Isaiah 8:16-22, NKJV

16 Bind up the testimony, **seal the law among my disciples**. 17 And I will wait on the LORD, Who hides His face from the house of Jacob; and I will hope in Him. 18 Here am I and the children whom the LORD has given me! We are for signs and wonders in Israel from the LORD of hosts, Who dwells in Mount Zion.

19 And when they say to you, “Seek those who are mediums and wizards, who whisper and mutter,” **should not a people seek their God?** Should they seek the dead on behalf of the living? 20 **To the law and to the testimony!** **If they do not speak according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.**

21 They will pass through it hard-pressed and hungry; and it shall happen, when they are hungry, that they will be enraged and curse their king and their God, and look upward. 22 Then **they will look to the earth**, and see trouble and darkness, gloom of anguish; **and they will be driven into darkness.**

The Way to God

John 1:1-5, 14, NKJV: 1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, **and the Word was God**. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. 4 In Him was life, and **the life was the light of men**. 5 And **the light shines in the darkness**, and **the darkness did not comprehend it**.

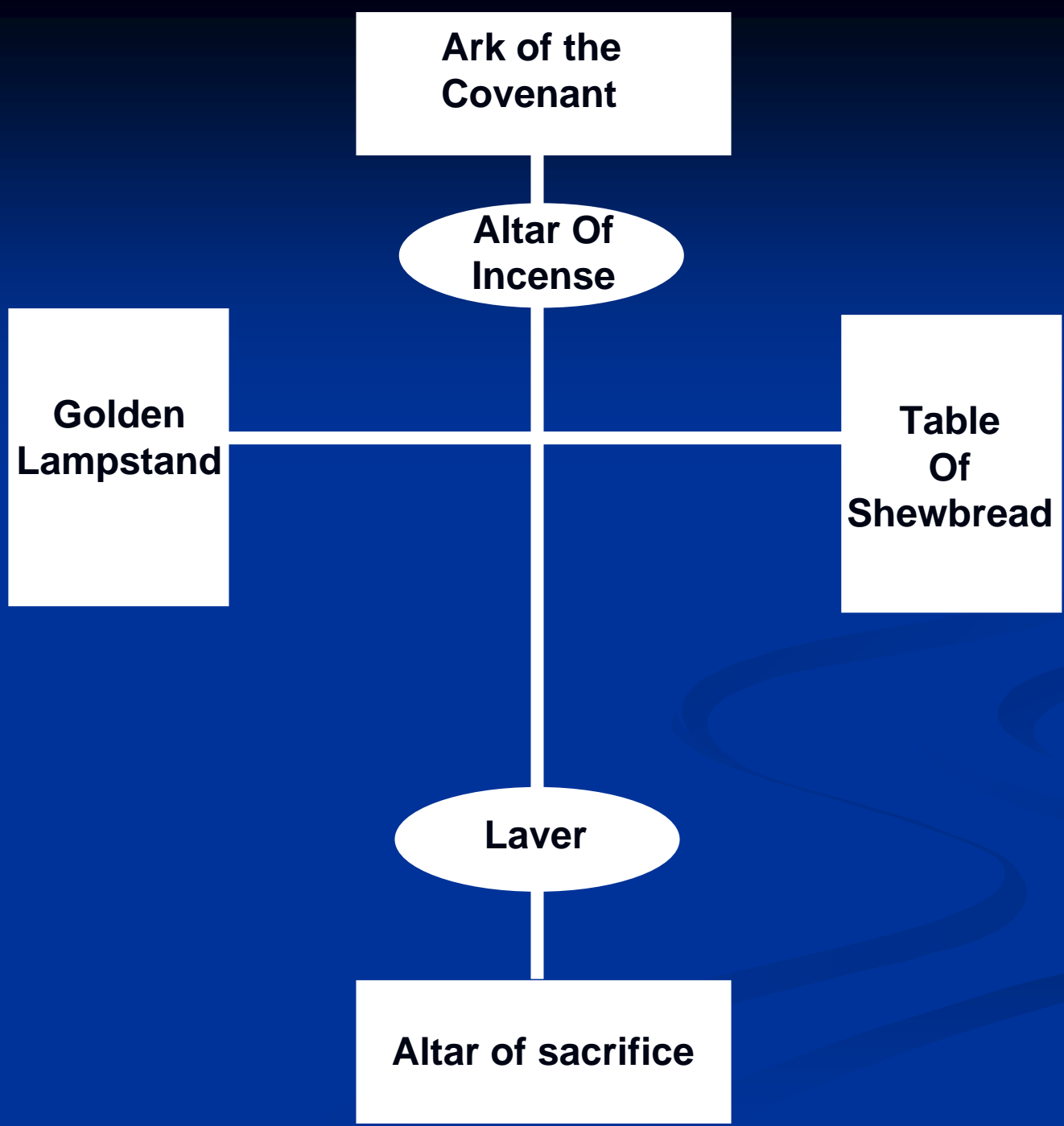
14 And **the Word became flesh and dwelt among us**, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

The Way to God

John 14:6, NKJV: Jesus said to him,
“**I am the way**, the truth, and the life.
No one comes to the Father **except
through Me.**”

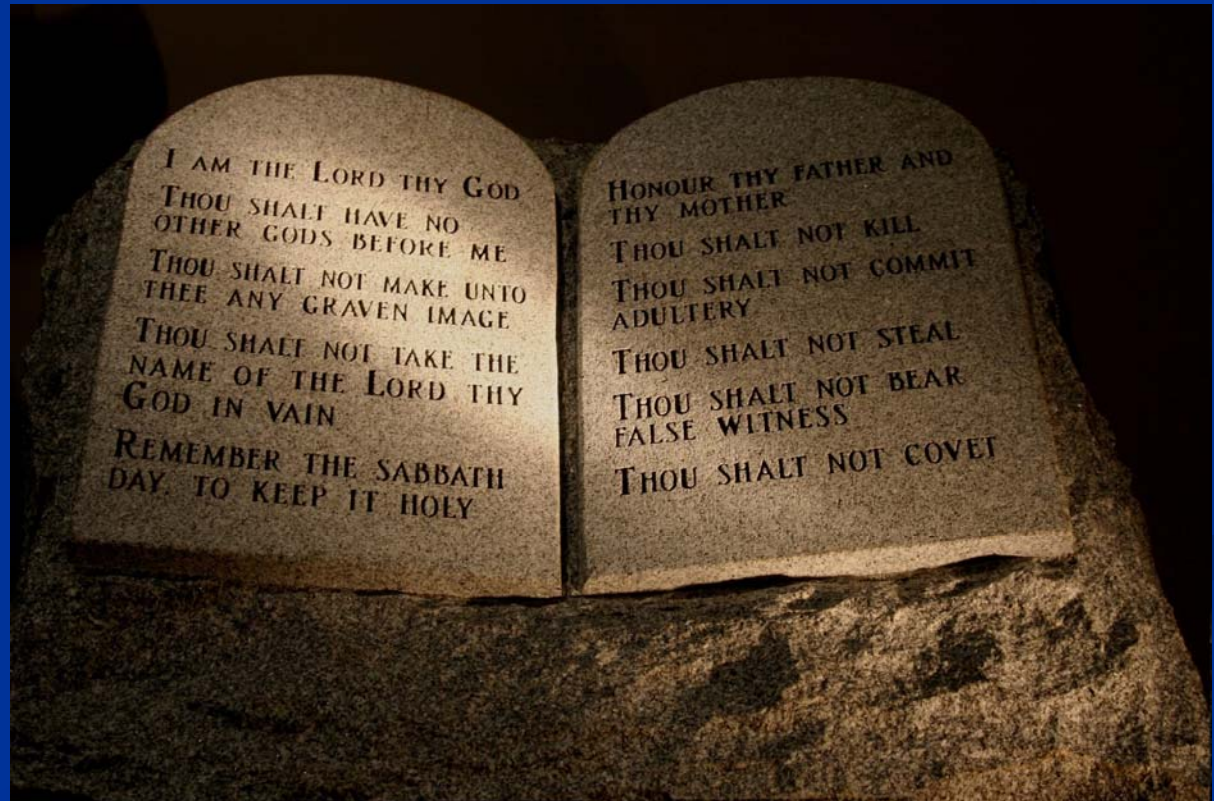


Psalm 77:13, NKJV: **Your way**, O God, **is in the sanctuary**; Who is so great a God as our God?



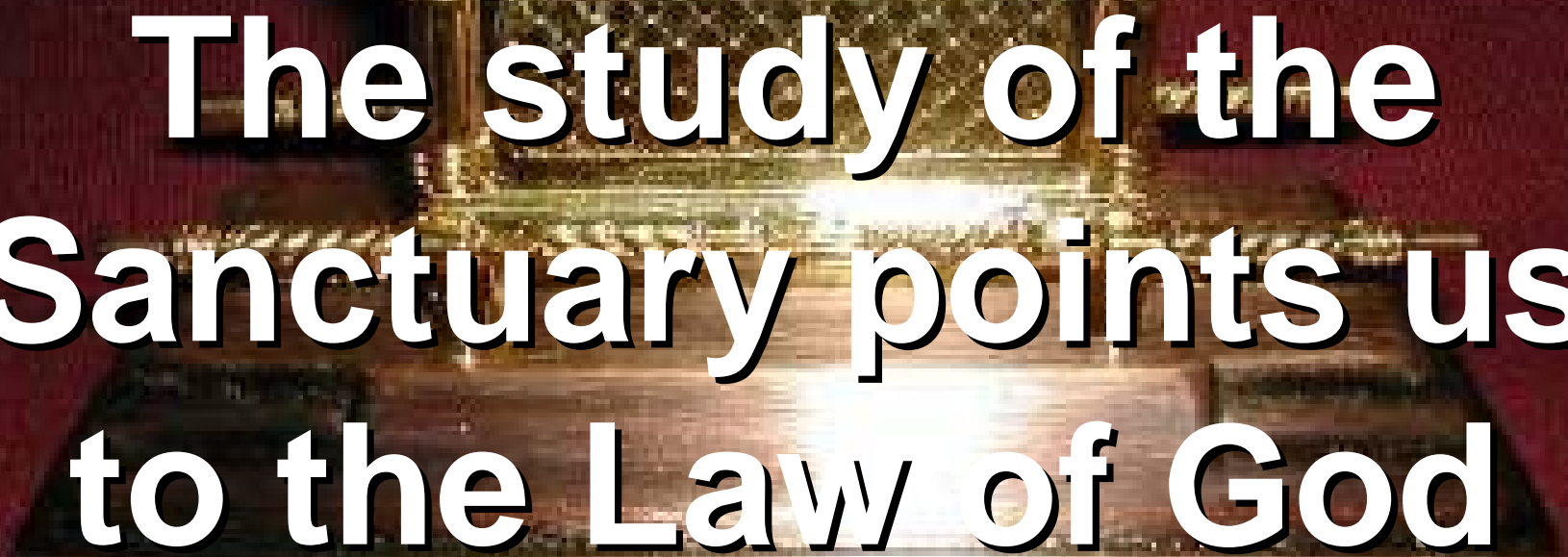


The foundation of God's Word is His Law



I AM THE LORD THY GOD
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**The study of the
Sanctuary points us
to the Law of God**

The Laws of God



Ceremonial Law (Law of Ordinances)

Moral Law (Ten Commandments)



The Laws of God

Ceremonial Law

Law of Ordinances

1. **Spoken by Moses** – Exodus 24:3; 35:1; Leviticus 1:1-2
2. **Written by Moses** – Exodus 24:4; 34:27; Deuteronomy 31:9, 24
3. **Written in a book** – Deuteronomy 31:24; 2 Chronicles 35:12
4. **Handed by Moses to the priests** – Deuteronomy 31:9, 25-26
5. **Placed beside the ark** – Deuteronomy 31:24-26
6. **Dealt with ceremonies** – Parts of Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers & Deuteronomy
7. **A “shadow” of things to come** – Colossians 2:17; Hebrews 10:1-10
8. **A “yoke of bondage”** – Galatians 5:1-6
9. **Made nothing perfect** – Hebrews 7:19; 9:9-10; 10:1
10. **Nailed to the Cross** – Colossians 2:14

The Laws of God

Moral Law

The Ten Commandments

1. **Spoken by God** – Exodus 20:1, 22; Deuteronomy 4:12-13; 9:10
2. **Written by God** – Exodus 24:12; 31:18; 32:16; 34:1; Deuteronomy 9:10
3. **Written on tables of stone** – Exodus 24:12; 31:18; 34:1
4. **Handed by God to Moses** – Exodus 31:18; 24:12; Deuteronomy 5:22; 9:10
5. **Placed inside the ark** – Deuteronomy 10:2, 5; 1 Kings 8:9
6. **Dealt with moral precepts to God and man** – Exodus 20:3-17; Matthew 19:17
7. **Eternal precepts** (it's always been wrong to worship false gods, murder, steal, etc.)
8. **Law of liberty** – James 1:25; 2:12
9. **Perfect** – Psalm 19:7
10. **Lasts forever** – Psalm 111:7-8; Matthew 5:17-18

What is the purpose of God's Law?

Romans 7:7, NKJV: What shall we say then? *Is the law sin? Certainly not! On the contrary, I would not have known sin except through the law.* For I would not have known covetousness unless the law had said, *“You shall not covet.”*

The purpose of God's Law

- The law reveals to us that sin exists (Romans 7:7; 1 John 3:4)
- Sin lets us know that we need a Savior (Acts 5:31; Romans 6:23).
- If you get rid of the law, you don't know that sin exists (Romans 4:15).
- **If you don't know that sin exists, you don't realize you need a Savior.**

Is the Law of God



Illegal?

Confusion in the churches

Distortion of the truth from within

2 Peter 2:1-3 (NKJV): But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even **denying the Lord** who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction.

And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed.

By covetousness they will exploit you with deceptive words; for a long time their judgment has not been idle, and their destruction does not [will not] slumber.

Confusion in the churches

Distortion of the truth from within

2 Thessalonians 2:3-4: **Let no man deceive you by any means**: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; **so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God**, shewing himself that he is God.

Confusion in the churches

2 Peter 3:14-16: Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless. And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved **brother Paul** also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you; ***As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest [twist], as they do also the other scriptures, **unto their own destruction.*****

Confusion in the churches

➤ Which of Paul's writings have been twisted and are often misunderstood?

- **Writings concerning the law.**
- People teach that obedience to the law means bondage.

The Law of Liberty

James 1:22-25 (NKJV): But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, *deceiving yourselves*. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. But he who looks into the *perfect law of liberty* and *continues in it*, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.

The Law of Liberty

Does grace excuse God's law?

Titus 2:11-12: For the **grace** of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, **Teaching us** that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, **we should live soberly**, righteously, and godly, in this present world.

Jude 1:4 (NKJV): For certain **men have crept in unnoticed**, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, ungodly men, **who turn the grace of our God into lewdness** and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Law of Liberty

2 Peter 2:19: *While they promise them liberty*, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, **of the same is he brought in bondage.**

The Real Issue

- Christians don't really have an issue with the Ten Commandments; the real conflict is over the Sabbath.
- God established the Sabbath at Creation and gave it to mankind as a gift (Mark 2:27).
- As God's people, we are to worship and serve God obediently. Any disobedience to God is directly or indirectly honoring Satan. Satan is the source of all evil and it is counter to the good that God established.

What is the Sabbath?



Exodus 31:13: Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily *my sabbaths* ye shall keep: for **it is a sign** between me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that **I am the LORD that doth sanctify you.**

Ezekiel 20:12: Moreover also *I gave them my sabbaths*, **to be a sign** between me and them, that they might know that **I am the LORD that sanctify them.**

Ezekiel 20:20: And hallow *my sabbaths*; and they shall be **a sign** between me and you, that ye may know that I am the LORD your God.

The Seventh-day vs. Annual Sabbaths

Leviticus 23:32, NKJV: It shall be to you a sabbath of solemn rest, and you shall afflict your souls; on the ninth day of the month at evening, from evening to evening, you shall celebrate ***your sabbath.***”

Isaiah 1:13, NKJV: Bring no more futile **sacrifices; Incense** is an abomination to Me. The **New Moons, the Sabbaths**, and the calling of assemblies—I cannot endure iniquity and the sacred meeting.

The Real Issue

Colossians 2:13-17: 13 And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; 14 Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; 15 And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it. 16 Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, *or of the sabbath days*: 17 Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ.

What is a sign?

Romans 4:11 (NKJV): And he received **the sign** of circumcision, **a seal** of the righteousness of the faith which he had while still uncircumcised, that he might be the father of all those who believe, though they are uncircumcised, that righteousness might be imputed to them also.

Does God have a seal?

Revelation 7:1-4, NKJV: 1 After these things I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, on the sea, or on any tree. 2 Then 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.**” 4 And I heard the number of those who were sealed. **One hundred and forty-four thousand** of all the tribes of the children of Israel **were sealed.**

Does God have a seal?

Elements of a seal:

- Name
- Title
- Dominion

The Seal of the United States



- **Name:** Barak Obama
- **Title:** President
- **Dominion:** USA

The Seal of God



Exodus 20:11: 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.



Name: the LORD

Title: Creator

Dominion: Heaven and earth

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**The Sabbath is
the Seal of the
Living God**

Truth is Truth

2 Thessalonians 2:8-12 (NKJV): And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming. The coming of the *lawless one* is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, *and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved.* And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

Keeping God's Sabbath

Isaiah 58:13-14 (NKJV): If you turn away your foot from the Sabbath, *From* doing your pleasure on My holy day, And *call the Sabbath a delight*, The holy day of the LORD honorable, And shall honor Him, *not doing your own ways*, Nor finding your own pleasure, Nor speaking *your own words*, Then you shall delight yourself in the LORD; And I will cause you to ride on the high hills of the earth, And feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father. The mouth of the LORD has spoken.

The Sabbath Truth

- The Sabbath was **made holy by God** (Exodus 20:11).
- The Sabbath is **a sign that identifies God's set-apart people** (Exodus 31:13).
- Keeping the Sabbath holy is **a sign that we acknowledge that God, the Creator, is who makes us holy** (Ezekiel 20:12, 20).
- The Holy Spirit seals God's people (Ephesians 1:13; 4:30)
- The Sabbath is **the sign that we are sealed** (reference Romans 4:11)

John 14:15:

**If ye love me, keep my
commandments.**

Confusion in the churches

Satan's attack

Revelation 12:17: And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.