

TORAH TEACHINGS



Understanding YAH's Likes and dislikes

**# 30 Kedoshim (קְדוּשִׁים)–
Hebrew for “Set-Apart
ones,”**

Torah: Leviticus 19:1-20:27


Haftarah: Amos 9:7-15

Ezekiel 22:1-19


As we look at the Hebrew word שָׁמַר *shamar* - Strong's H8104 which means, '*keep, watch, present, attend to, pay close attention, guard*', in the ancient pictographic form, we are able to identify what true guarding entails.



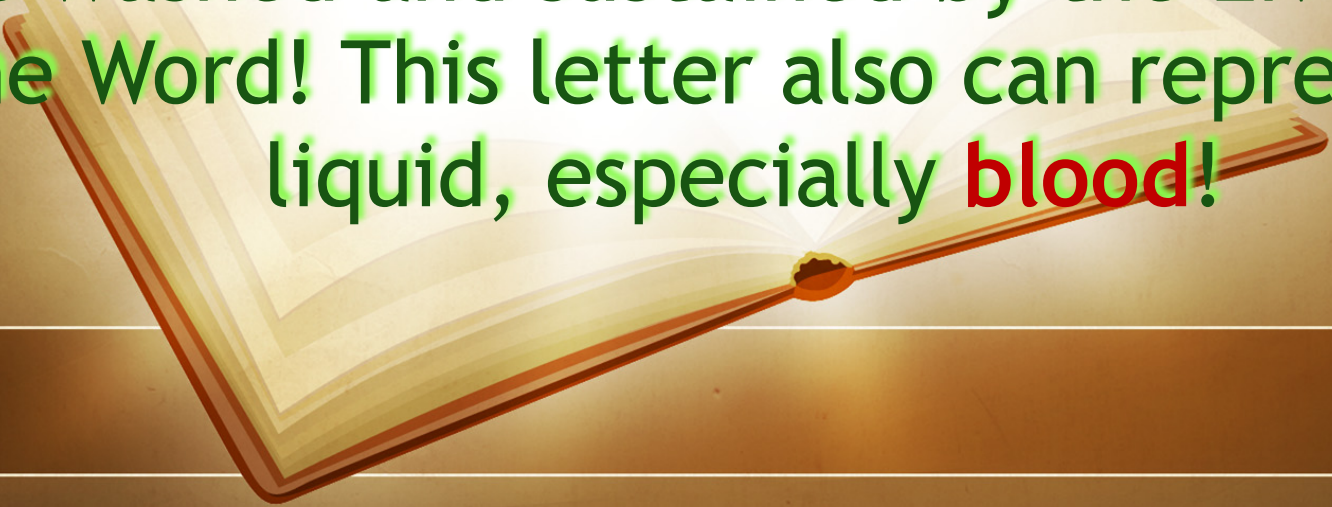
Shin - שׁ:

This is the letter 'shin' which in the ancient script is pictured as, , which is 'two front teeth' and carries the meaning of 'sharp or press, chew or devour'; which is what the teeth do, and also speaks of the sharpened word that comes forth from the mouth as the teeth 'chew' or 'meditate' on the Truth, making what comes forth pure and sharp! It also carries the understanding of consuming or destroying - as teeth do to food.

Mem - מֶמֶ:


The ancient script has this letter as  and is pictured as '**water**', and also carries the meaning of '**chaos**' (from the storms of the sea) and can also picture that which is **mighty** or massive as well as the unknown. We are also able to understand this letter as representing **the nations**, for the nations are often likened to the seas in Scripture.

This also carries for us the picture of washing, as we understand the function of water being that which cleanses us and sustains us, showing us how we are washed and sustained by the Living Waters of the Word! This letter also can represent any liquid, especially **blood!**



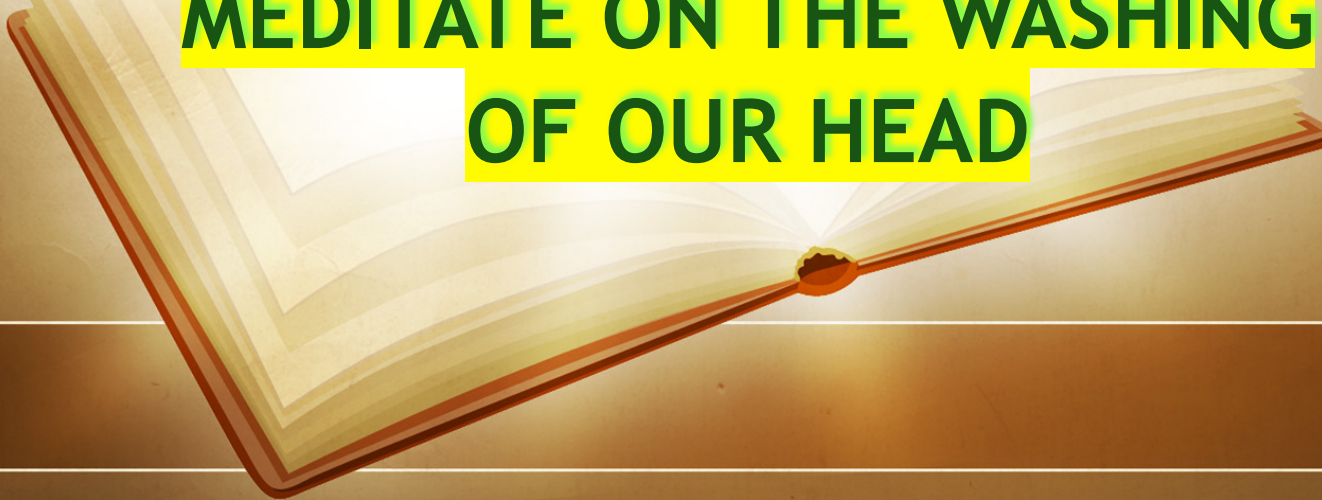
Resh - ר:



The ancient script has this letter 'resh' as -  and is pictured as 'the head of a man' and has the meaning of the **head of a man** as well as **chief, top, beginning** or **first**. Top, as in the top or head of a body and chief, as is head of a tribe or people as well as the one who rules the people.

Considering these pictographs that render the word that means to guard carefully, we are able to identify how we are to:

**MEDITATE ON THE WASHING
OF OUR HEAD**



In Sha'ul's letter to the believers in Ephesus, he instructed Husbands to love their wives, as Messiah loved us:

Eph'siyim/Ephesians 5:25-28 "Husbands, love your wives, as Messiah also did love the assembly and gave Himself for it, 26 in order to set it apart and cleanse it with the washing of water by the Word, 27 in order to present it to Himself a splendid assembly, not having spot or wrinkle or any of this sort, but that it might be set-apart and blameless."

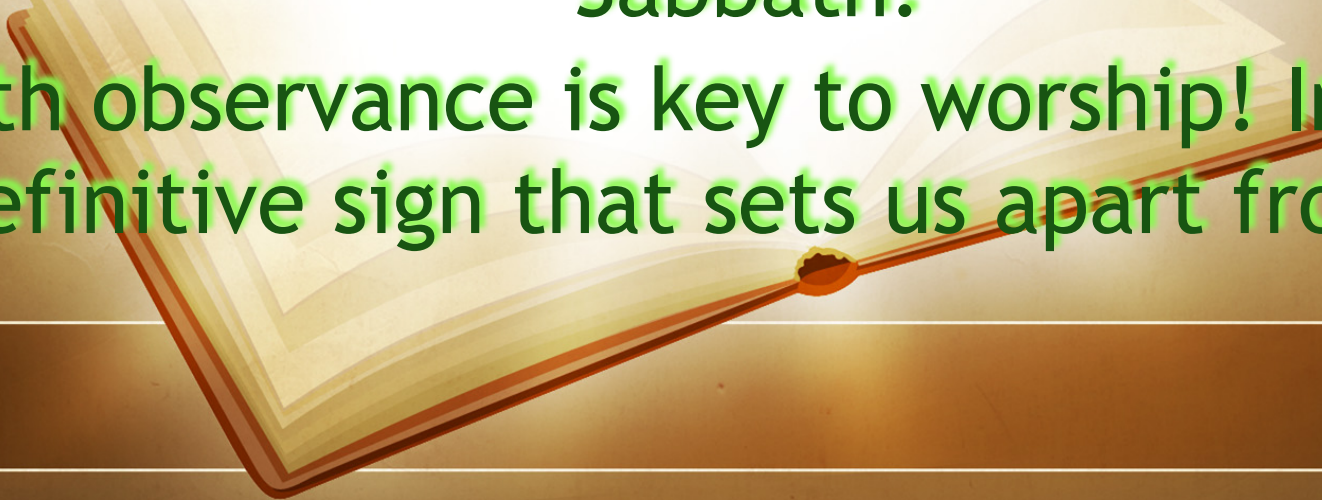
It is through His Word that He washes us, and therefore, we are able to identify the cleansing that His Blood brought to us, giving us the ability to properly meditate on the cleansing that the Word of our Head brings, by guarding to do all He instructs us to do

We, as set-apart people, must guard the Sabbath - why?

THE SABBATH IS A SIGN

Why the Sabbath is of utmost importance to us, and what we are to quickly realize, is that our sign, or mark, of our worship unto יהוה our Elohim, is, in fact, seen in our remembering to 'keep' His Sabbath.

Sabbath observance is key to worship! In fact, it is our definitive sign that sets us apart from others.



Yehezqěl/Ezekiel 20:12 “And I gave them My Sabbaths, to be a sign between Me and them, to know that I AM יהוה who sets them apart!”

Shemoth/Exodus 31:16-17 “And the children of Yisra’ěl shall guard the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations as an everlasting covenant. 17 ‘Between Me and the children of Yisra’ěl it is a sign forever. For in six days יהוה made the heavens and the earth, and on the seventh day He rested and was refreshed.”

We, as His children, are to 'guard' and 'observe' the Sabbath for all time!

יהוה makes it very clear, in the above two passages, that the Sabbath is, in fact, the sign that we are His!!!

How awesome is that! His Sabbath is a sign of His power to create and His power to redeem.

In the Scriptures, the words seal, sign, mark, and token are used interchangeably.

Elohim's sign, the Sabbath, represents His mighty power to rule as Creator and Saviour, and it is a sign forever, between us, as children of Yisra'el and Elohim!!!

Ib'rim/Hebrews 4:9 "So there remains a Sabbath-keeping for the people of Elohim."

You cannot get any clearer than this verse, although it has sadly been twisted into many erroneously teaching that this Sabbath rest, being spoken of here, only refers to the millennial reign, which is simply a twisted lie of the enemy.

The Greek word that is used here for 'Sabbath-keeping' is: σαββατισμός **sabbatismos** (sab-bat-is-mos') - Strong's G4520 which literally means '**a Sabbath keeping**' or '**Sabbath observance**' and is very clear in its instruction for us today; that to keep Sabbath is still of vital importance - after all it is an everlasting sign for us - a sign that will prove to be a critical dividing factor in showing who truly worships Elohim and who does not!

The weekly Sabbath-keeping, is not only for us a sign, but it is also the first of His Commanded Appointed Time of all His Appointed Times, according to **Wayyiqra/Leviticus 23:1-2.**

יהוה has given us this day as a sign of His everlasting covenant and what we must therefore also realize, is that the enemy will always have a counterfeit sign, in seeking any means at luring people into the delusion of false worship, making people believe that they are in fact worshipping the Creator, when clearly, they are in error by having the wrong 'sign' of their worship.

I have taken an excerpt from the book Fossilized Customs showing some quotes by various theologians and preachers of the past:
(From pages 86 & 87 Fossilized Customs - sixth edition)

Below are quotes from theologians and preachers from a wide spectrum of denominations who have been very open in ADMITTING that there is no Scriptural authority for observing Sun-day as a Sabbath:

Man has clearly taken away and added, in this one severe change of what יהוה has instituted, from the Creation week, as a perpetual sign of His Everlasting Covenant with His children.

What we need to understand is that there is a clear wrestle for worship. Satan wants man to worship him and will stop at nothing, in doing everything he can to achieve this.

What each person needs to ask themselves is simply this:

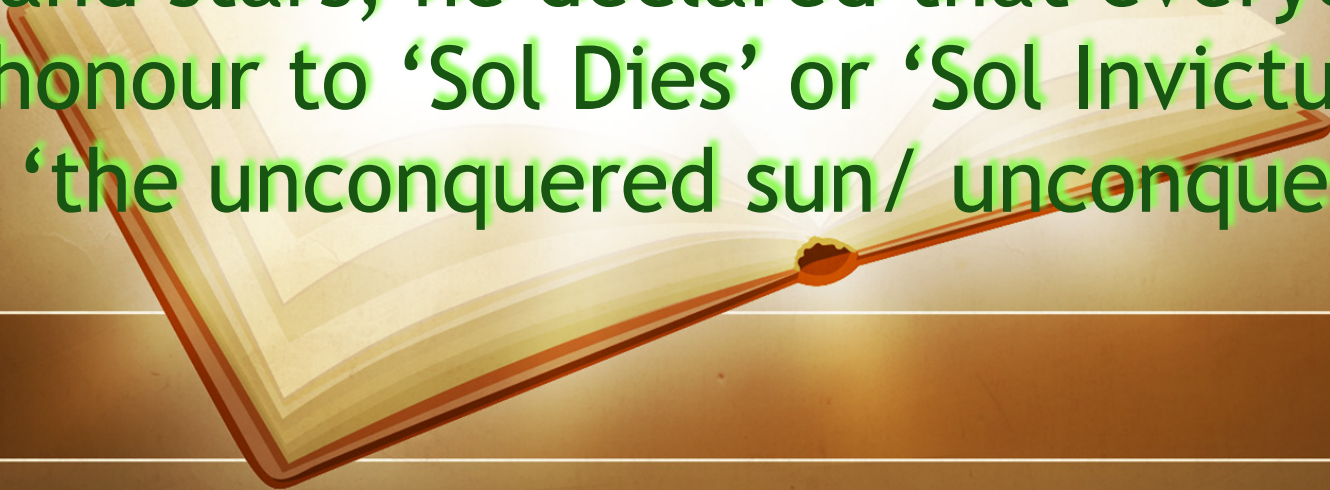
“Who am I worshipping?”

And this will become clear by the 'sign' or 'mark' of their worship and that is in either keeping the Sabbath of יהוה or in subjecting themselves to Sunday observance (which is 'the dare of the Church')!

For unity in the Roman Empire, Emperor Constantine, while bowing down to the sun and praying to the sun-deity Mithras, saw an image in the sky as he looked up.

And that image was the "cross", which simply happens as the light of the sunrise refracts and causes the light to be 'split'.

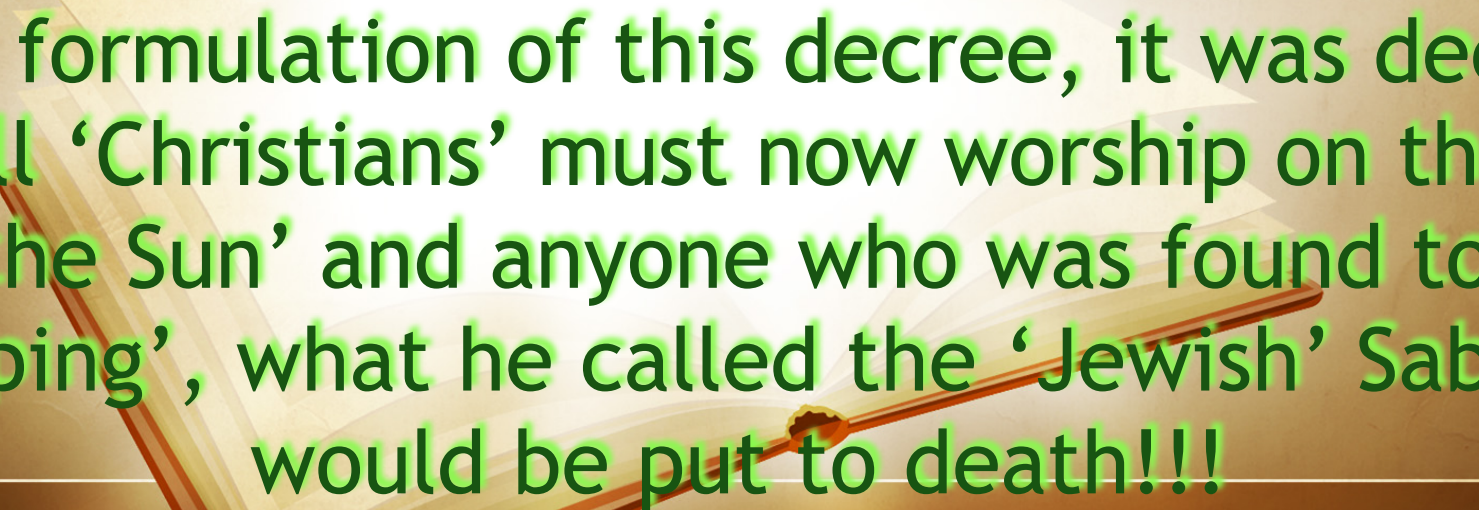
Yet he saw this as a sign of how he would be able to gain control over the world through religion and thus, he declared 'Christianity' to be the state religion and while he continued to worship the sun, moon and stars, he declared that everyone was to give honour to 'Sol Dies' or 'Sol Invictus', which means 'the unconquered sun/ unconquerable sun'.



This decree was made under a penalty of death for all who refused to bow down to the 'sun'.

Many true believers did flee, while most submitted to this new religious system in fear of their lives.

In the formulation of this decree, it was declared that all 'Christians' must now worship on the 'Day of the Sun' and anyone who was found to be 'keeping', what he called the 'Jewish' Sabbath would be put to death!!!



Hence, Constantine initiated a change in times and commanded appointments for which Scripture warns us would happen:

Dani'ěl/Daniel 7:25 “and it speaks words against the Most-High, and it wears out the set-apart ones of the Most-High, and it intends to change appointed times and law, and they are given into its hand for a time and times and half a time.”

The ‘it’, in this verse, is referring to the 4th beast, as described in Dani'ěl/Daniel 7.

It speaks blasphemy against the Most-High, and intends to change appointed times and law.

Intends to change: that is that despite man's efforts at changing any of the Creator's times, they will never succeed - they may follow their own schedule - yet the one that matters, and is of utmost importance, is our Creator's Appointed Times, whilst also understanding that His Sabbath is critical in this topic.

To 'change law' is simply to become 'lawless', as changing 'law' leads to lawlessness and it is the lawless that will be judged!

'Mark' on the hand and/or forehead

Hazon/Revelation 13:16 “And he causes all, both small and great, and rich and poor, and free and slave, to be given a mark upon their right hand or upon their foreheads.”

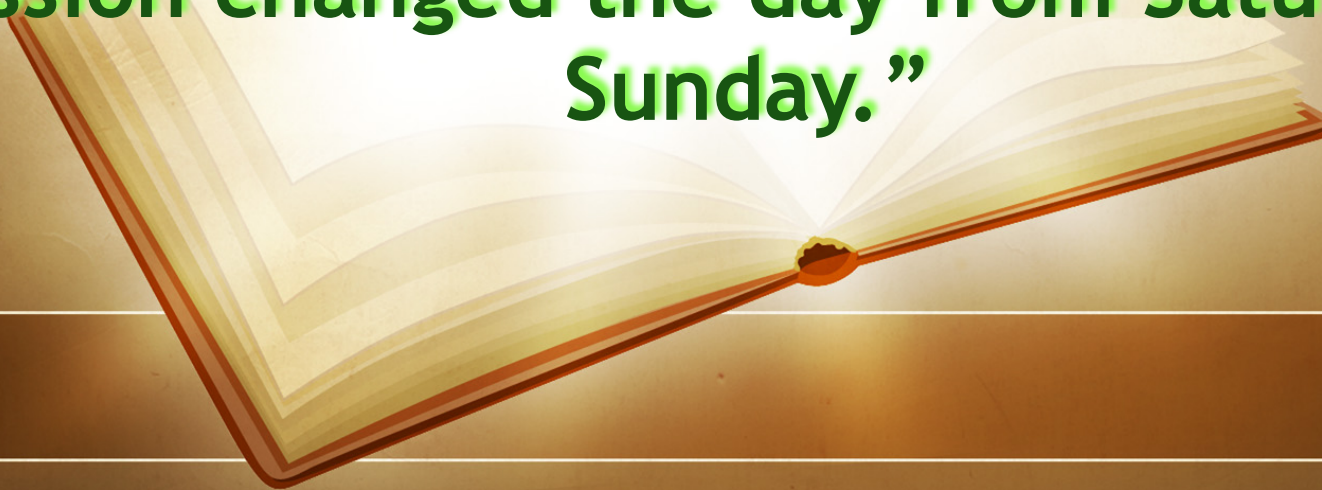
What is this 'mark' being spoken of here?

There are so many theories and much guess work in this, however, as one looks at Scripture, the reality of what this mark is, becomes clear.

I have just discussed how the Sabbath is a ‘sign’ between us and יהוה, and also how the catholic church are very vocal, in their arrogant declaration, in saying that they changed the Sabbath to Sun-day worship and the mere fact that people observe this is proof of their ecclesiastical power:

“The Convert’s catechism of Catholic Doctrine” pg. 50, third edition tells us more of where the Sunday Sabbath came from. “We observe Sunday instead of Saturday because the Catholic Church, in the Council of Laodicea (A.D. 364), transferred the solemnity from Saturday to Sunday.”

Who changed the day, Elohim or man?
We find this answer declared by Cardinal Gibbons,
“The Catholic church by virtue of her divine
mission changed the day from Saturday to
Sunday.”



“A doctrinal Catechism” by Stephen Keenan, pg. 174 tells us that the Universal Church authorities was asked, “Have you any other way of proving that the church (RC) has power to institute festivals of precept? They responded with, “Had she not such power, she could not have done that in which all modern religionists agree with her—she could not have substituted the observance of Sunday, the first day of the week, for the observance of Saturday, the seventh day, a change for which there is no scriptural authority.”


So, on one hand you have the Catholic Church declaring her authority, in the fact that she claims to have the authority to 'change' Scripture, while יהוה makes it very clear to us, in Scripture, that He does not change!!!

The dilemma that those who claim to worship the Creator are faced with, is whether they will follow man or follow the Truth - the unchangeable Word of Elohim - will they accept the Truth or the Dare?

Let us look at the true understanding of the right hand and the forehead:

The 'mark of the beast, as described in Hazon/ Revelation, is not limited to being a visible mark - but rather, it is an "action".

To have the mark received on the right hand, means that it is 'performed' - in other words, an action is performed but does not necessarily mean that the person believes it to be the right thing to do, as they may just be 'going with the flow', in ignorance.

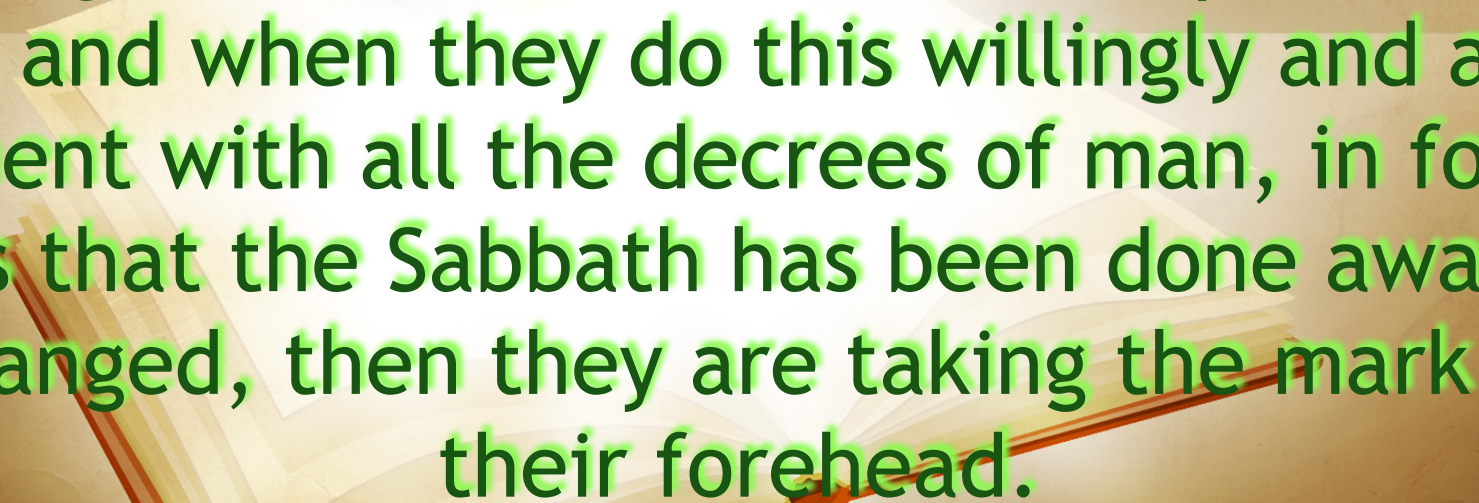
An open book with a glowing mark on the forehead. The book is open, showing its pages, and a bright, glowing mark is visible on the forehead of the person whose face is partially visible in the background. The background is a textured, parchment-like surface.

To have the mark upon the 'forehead', represents one's intellect and cognitive decision-making process, where one chooses to accept the action of submission to an authority that they follow.

To receive the 'mark' on the forehead then, implies that the action is performed without any regret or remorse - like a whore without shame and therefore, indicates that the person performing the action is in full agreement with the act.

So, in line of what we are discussing here, in regard to worship, it is clear that the one who actively performs the agreed submission to the decrees of the one they worship, will reveal whose mark, or sign, they have upon their right hands and foreheads.





If one chooses to 'work' on the Sabbath and observe sun-day worship, then they must realize that they are taking on the mark of the beast upon their right hand and when they do this willingly and are in agreement with all the decrees of man, in following the lies that the Sabbath has been done away with, or changed, then they are taking the mark upon their forehead.