

The Seal of God

THE WORD 'SEAL' IS USED IN THE SCRIPTURES IN VARIOUS SENSES, EVEN AS IN COMMON LIFE. THE DEFINITION GIVEN BY WEBSTER, THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE, IS AS FOLLOWS: "THAT WHICH CONFIRMS, RATIFIES, OR MAKES STABLE; ASSURANCE; THAT WHICH AUTHENTICATES; THAT WHICH SECURES, MAKES RELIABLE, OR STABLE." THE TERMS "MARK" AND "SIGN," ALSO GIVEN BY HIM, ARE USED IN THE SCRIPTURES AS SYNONYMOUS WITH SEAL, AS IN ROMANS 4:11.

IN THE COVENANT WITH NOAH IT IS USED IN THE SENSE OF ASSURANCE, OR EVIDENCE OF STABILITY. THE BOW IN THE CLOUD WAS GIVEN AS A SIGN OR TOKEN THAT GOD WOULD NOT AGAIN DESTROY THE EARTH BY A FLOOD. GENESIS 9:13. IN THE COVENANT WITH ABRAHAM, CIRCUMCISION WAS THE TOKEN OR SIGN. THIS RATIFIED, OR MADE SURE; FOR THEY WHO HAD NOT THIS TOKEN WERE CUT OFF. GENESIS 17:11, 14. THIS SIGN OR TOKEN WAS AN INSTITUTION, A RITE. GESENIUS GIVES "A MEMORIAL" AS ONE DEFINITION OF THE WORD FOUND IN THE ORIGINAL OF THESE TEXTS. BUT A MEMORIAL, IN THE SENSE OF A REMINDER, OR A REMEMBRANCER, IS A TOKEN OR SIGN.

IN EXODUS 31:17 AND EZEKIEL 20:12, 20, THE SABBATH OF THE LORD IS CALLED A SIGN. IT IS A MEMORIAL OF THE CREATOR'S WORK, AND SO A SIGN OF HIS POWER AND GODHEAD. ROMANS 1:20. THIS IS ALSO AN INSTITUTION AS WAS CIRCUMCISION; BUT THERE WAS THIS DISTINCTION: CIRCUMCISION WAS A SIGN IN THE FLESH, WHILE THE SABBATH WAS A SIGN IN THE MIND. "HALLOW MY SABBATHS; AND THEY SHALL BE A SIGN BETWEEN ME AND YOU, THAT YE MAY KNOW THAT I AM THE LORD YOUR GOD" EZEKIEL 20:20.

IN EZEKIEL 9:4 THE WORD USED IN THE ORIGINAL IS TRANSLATED MARK. GESENIUS SAYS, "A MARK, SIGN." THE SEPTUAGINT GIVES THE SAME WORD IN THIS TEXT THAT IS GIVEN IN THE GREEK OF ROMANS 4:11, RENDERED "SIGN." THUS THE WORDS TOKEN, SIGN, MARK, AND SEAL ARE APPLIED TO THE SAME THINGS, OR USED AS OF LIKE SIGNIFICATION, IN THE SCRIPTURES.

IN EZEKIEL 9:4 AND REVELATION 7:2,3, THE MARK OR SIGN IS SAID TO BE PLACED IN THE FOREHEADS OF THE SERVANTS OF GOD. BOTH THESE SCRIPTURES REFER TO A TIME WHEN UTTER DESTRUCTION IS COMING ON THE UNGODLY. THE SEAL IS PLACED UPON GOD'S PEOPLE AS A SAFEGUARD TO PRESERVE THEM FROM THE EVIL IMPENDING. BUT "THE FOREHEAD" IS EVIDENTLY USED AS A FIGURE, TO DENOTE THE INTELLECT OR MIND, AS "THE HEART" IS USED TO DENOTE THE DISPOSITION OR AFFECTIONS. TO MARK OR SEAL IN THE FOREHEAD IS THE SAME AS TO "WRITE IN THE MIND." HEBREWS 10:16.

THE SABBATH IS THE SIGN OF GOD; IT IS THE SEAL OF HIS LAW. ISAIAH 8:16. IT IS THE TOKEN OF HIS AUTHORITY AND POWER. IT IS A SIGN WHEREBY WE MAY KNOW THAT HE IS GOD, AND THEREFORE IT IS APPROPRIATELY SAID TO BE PLACED IN THE FOREHEAD. THE WORSHIPERS OF THE BEAST (REVELATION 13) ARE SAID TO RECEIVE HIS MARK IN THEIR FOREHEADS OR IN THEIR HANDS. AS THE FOREHEAD REPRESENTS THE INTELLECT, THE HAND REPRESENTS POWER, AS PSALM 89:48, "SHALL HE DELIVER HIS SOUL FROM THE HAND OF THE GRAVE?" COMPULSORY WORSHIP IS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO GOD; HIS SERVANTS ARE SEALED ONLY IN THEIR FOREHEADS. BUT IT IS ACCEPTABLE TO WICKED POWERS; IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN CRAVED BY THE ROMISH HIERARCHY. SEE NOTE 8 FOR PROOF ON THE NATURE OF THIS MARK. THE SIGN OR SEAL OF GOD IS HIS SABBATH, AND THE SEAL OR MARK OF THE BEAST IS IN DIRECT OPPOSITION TO IT; IT IS A COUNTERFEIT SABBATH ON THE "DAY OF THE SUN." IN THE MESSAGE OF THE THIRD ANGEL (REVELATION 14:9-12) THEY WHO DO NOT RECEIVE THE MARK OF THE BEAST KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS OF GOD, AND THE SABBATH IS IN THE FOURTH PRECEPT; THEY KEEP THE SABBATH OF THE LORD; THEY HAVE HIS SIGN OR SEAL. THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS SIGN IS SHOWN IN THIS, THAT THE FOURTH COMMANDMENT IS THE ONLY ONE IN THE LAW WHICH DISTINGUISHES THE CREATOR FROM FALSE GODS. COMPARE JEREMIAH 10:10-12; ACTS 17:23, 24; REVELATION 14:6, 7; ETC. AND IT IS THAT PART OF HIS LAW FOR KEEPING WHICH HIS PEOPLE WILL SUFFER PERSECUTION. BUT WHEN THE WRATH OF GOD COMES UPON THE PERSECUTORS WHO ARE FOUND ENFORCING THE SIGN OR MARK OF THE BEAST, THEN THEY WILL REALIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SABBATH,--THE SEAL OF THE LIVING GOD. THEY WHO TURN AWAY FROM THAT WHICH THE LORD SPOKE WHEN HIS VOICE SHOOK THE EARTH, WILL CONFESS THEIR FATAL ERROR WHEN HIS VOICE SHALL SHAKE THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH. HEBREWS 12:25, 26; JOEL 3:9-16, AND OTHERS. SEE **God's People Delivered**, paragraphs 11-12) ALSO PAGE 457 OF THIS BOOK.

Some Bible verses about the Seal of God

Romans 4:11 "And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had yet being uncircumcised: that he might be the father of all them that believe, though they be not circumcised; that righteousness might be imputed unto them also:"

Genesis 9:13 "I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth."

Exodus 31:17 "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."

Ezekiel 20:12, 20 "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. 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."

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:

Ezekiel 9:4 "And the LORD said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof."

Revelation 7:2-3 "And 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 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."

Hebrews 10:16 "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them;"

Isaiah 8:16 "Bind up the testimony, seal the law among my disciples."

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 17:23-24 "For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you. God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands;"

Revelation 14:6 "And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters."

Hebrews 12:25-26 "See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven: Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven."

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.