

## ***Explaining Hebrews Chapter 4.***

Heb. 4:1 Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it. 2 For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, ***not being mixed with faith*** in them that heard it. 3 For ***we which have believed do enter into rest***, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world. 4 For he spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works. 5 And in this place again, If they shall enter into my rest. 6 ***Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein***, and they to whom it was first preached ***entered not*** in because of unbelief: 7 Again, he limiteth a certain day, saying in David, To day, after so long a time; as it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts. 8 For if Jesus had given them rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day. 9 ***There remaineth therefore a rest*** to the people of God. 10 For ***he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his.*** 11 Let us ***labour*** therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.

Note: Laboring to enter into rest? Seeing that all six days of the weeks work is accomplished before the 7th Day rest. See this section below. So if your laboring to enter eternity then why a rest day at all, why would anyone be charged with unbelief? Because this is talking about the 7th Day Sabbath, every 7 Days.

### ***Hath ceased from his own works, as God did from His.***

Gen. 2:1 Thus the heavens and the earth ***were finished***, and all the host of them. 2 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. 3 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.

Isa. 58:13 If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, ***from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honourable;*** and shalt ***honour him***, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words: Rev. 1:10.

### ***We which have believed do enter into rest,***

***It remaineth that some must enter therein.***

Rom. 15:18 For I will not dare to speak of any of those things which Christ hath not wrought by me, ***to make the Gentiles obedient, by word and deed,***

Rev. 14:7 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.

John. 1:10 He was in the world, and ***the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.*** 11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

Mark. 2:27 And he said unto them, ***The sabbath was made for man***, and not man for the sabbath: 28 Therefore the Son of man ***is Lord also of the sabbath.*** Rev. 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.***

Isa. 56:1 Thus saith the Lord, Keep ye judgment, and do justice: for my salvation is near to come, and my righteousness to be revealed. 2 ***Blessed is the man that doeth this***, and the son of man that layeth hold on it; ***that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it***, and keepeth his hand from doing any evil. 3 Neither let the son of the ***stranger***, that hath joined himself to the Lord, speak, saying, The Lord hath utterly separated me from his people: neither let the eunuch say, Behold, I am a dry tree. . . 6 Also the sons of the ***stranger***, that ***join themselves to the Lord***, to serve him, and to love the name of the Lord, to be his servants, **every one that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it**, and taketh hold of my covenant;

Acts 14:27 And when they were come, and had gathered the church together, they rehearsed all that God had done with them, **and how he had opened the door of faith unto the Gentiles.** See Acts 9:15;26:17,18,20,22,23,29.

Acts 13:42 And when the Jews were gone out of the synagogue, **the Gentiles besought that these words might be preached to them the next sabbath.** 43 Now when the congregation was broken up, many of the Jews and religious proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas: who, speaking to them, persuaded them to continue in the grace of God. 44 And **the next sabbath day came almost the whole city together** to hear the word of God. 45 But when the Jews **saw the multitudes**, they were filled with envy, and spake against those things which were spoken by Paul, contradicting and blaspheming. . . . 46 Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, ***we turn to the Gentiles.*** 47 For so hath ***the Lord commanded us***, saying, I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldest be for salvation unto the ends of the earth. 48 And **when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord:** and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed.

Acts 16:12 And from thence to Philippi, which is ***the chief city of that part of Macedonia***, and a colony: and we were in that city abiding certain days. 13 And **on**

**the sabbath** we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont to be made; and we sat down, and spake unto the women which resorted thither. .

Acts 17:2 And Paul, ***as his manner was***, went in unto them, and three **sabbath** days reasoned with them out of the scriptures, 3 Opening and alleging, that Christ must needs have suffered, and risen again from the dead; and that this Jesus, whom I preach unto you, is Christ. 4 And some of them believed, and consorted with Paul and Silas; ***and of the devout Greeks a great multitude***, and of the chief women not a few. . . 12 Therefore many of them believed; also of honourable women which were Greeks, and of men, ***not a few***.

Acts 18:4 And he reasoned in the synagogue every sabbath, and ***persuaded the Jews and the Greeks***. . . 11 And he continued there a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them. ***78 sabbaths teaching Jews first, then Greeks-Gentiles***.

Isa. 66:22 For ***as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make***, shall remain before me, saith the Lord, so shall your seed and your name remain. 23 And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and ***from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me***, saith the Lord. *Rev. 21:1.*

Note: EGW likens Heb. Chapter 4 to an eternal rest. How so? from oppression and persecution and Victory for sin will not rise up a second time. And because she talks of employment on the other six days in Heaven, rather the earth made new. It is not an eternal rest illustrated by popular depictions of sitting on clouds playing harps. As the quote from Isaiah chapter 66 implies there is between EACH Sabbath six other days.

[SabbathByPaul.](#) [PaulTheGentiles.](#) [NTSabbathVsSunday2.pdf.](#) [LawOfLove.](#)  
[MyLastStudy](#)

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***They to whom it was first preached entered not in***  
***because of unbelief:***

Note: Certainly this would also refer to Adam and Eve, for by taking what was not theirs they stole, blaming the serpent and God as they did certainly was bearing false witness, and desiring to become like God was certainly covetous. **James 2:10;Gen. 2:1-3;Ex. 20:8-11.** It would certainly apply to some of the decedents of: Adam and Eve, Noah, Jacob and Esau, and not to others of them. It would apply to Cain and his dependents. Even among Jacobs descendants there was unbelief. [OriginOfSunday.pdf.](#) See [PerfectionGospel.pdf.](#) on repentance.

Ex. 16:25 And Moses said, Eat that to day; for to day is a sabbath unto the Lord: to day ye shall not find it in the field. 26 Six days ye shall gather it; but on the seventh day, which is the sabbath, in it there shall be none. 27 And it came to pass, that there went out some of the people on the seventh day for to gather, and they found none. 28 And the Lord said unto Moses, ***How long refuse ye to keep my commandments and my laws?***

Jer. 17:21 Thus saith the Lord; ***Take heed to yourselves, and bear no burden on the sabbath day***, nor bring it in by the gates of Jerusalem; 22 ***Neither carry forth*** a burden out of your houses on the sabbath day, neither do ye any work, but hallow ye the sabbath day, as I commanded your fathers. 23 But they obeyed not, neither inclined their ear, but made their neck stiff, that they might not hear, nor receive instruction. 24 And it shall come to pass, if ye diligently hearken unto me, saith the Lord, to bring in no burden through the gates of this city on the sabbath day, but hallow the sabbath day, to do no work therein;

Eze. 20:15 Yet also I lifted up my hand unto them in the wilderness, that I would not bring them into the land which I had given them, flowing with milk and honey, which is the glory of all lands; 16 Because they despised my judgments, and walked not in my statutes, but ***polluted my sabbaths***: for their heart went after their idols.

Note: Israel was prepared to worship the Image of Nebuchadrezzar by the introduction of 1st day observance in Eze. 8:15; 2Kings 23:5.

Neh. 13:15 In those days saw I in Judah some ***treading wine presses on the sabbath, and bringing in sheaves, and lading asses; as also wine, grapes, and figs, and all manner of burdens***, which they brought into Jerusalem on the sabbath day: **and I testified against them** in the day wherein they sold victuals. 16 There dwelt men of Tyre also therein, which brought fish, and all manner of ware, and sold on the sabbath unto the children of Judah, and in Jerusalem. 17 ***Then I contended with the nobles*** of Judah, and said unto them, What evil thing is this that ye do, and ***profane the sabbath*** day? 18 ***Did not your fathers thus***, and did not our God bring all this evil upon us, and upon this city? ***yet ye bring more wrath upon Israel by profaning the sabbath***. 19 And it came to pass, that when the gates of Jerusalem began to be dark before the sabbath, I commanded that the gates should be shut, and charged that they should not be opened till after the sabbath: and some of my servants set I at the gates, that there should no burden be brought in on the sabbath day. 20 So the merchants and sellers of all kind of ware lodged without Jerusalem once or twice. 21 Then I testified against them, and said unto them, Why lodge ye about the wall? if ye do so again, I will lay hands on you. From that time forth came they no more on the sabbath. 22 And I commanded the Levites that they should cleanse themselves, and that they should come and keep

the gates, **to sanctify** the sabbath day. Remember me, O my God, concerning this also, and spare me according to the greatness of thy mercy.

Note: It was Oppression and a refusal to observe the 7th Day Sabbath that resulted in Egypt's destruction in Exodus. Deu. 26:7; Ex. 5:5. So to throughout sacred history, many nations followed in its foot steps. Ex. 1:13,14; 3:9; 5:5; 16:23.

### ***The Seal of the Living God.***

“In these texts, the day upon which God rested, and which He subsequently blessed and sanctified, is plainly stated to be the seventh day. And from that seventh day on which Jehovah rested, all future seventh days have in them the blessing and the sanctification. The use of the word seal directs the mind to a legal document. When a ruler's seal is attached to a legal paper, that seal contains the name of the one in authority, his right to rule, and the territory over which he rules. These features are all made prominent in the seal contained in the law of God. To-day the seal is usually placed, either at the beginning, or at the close of the decree or law; but ***in the divine law it is placed in the center***, that nothing may be taken from, or added thereto. The fourth commandment reads: “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, 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.... 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.” ***Herein lie the three specifications of a seal: first, the name,—the Lord thy God, Jehovah; second, the authority,—Creator; third, the extent of territory,—the heavens and earth. Take away this command from the decalogue, and it would contain no seal. God's right to rule rests in the fourth commandment, and the seal will be placed in the foreheads of those who thus know God.*** The knowledge of the creative and the redeeming power of God, is revealed by Christ in the fourth commandment of the decalogue.” —1905 SNH, SSP 135.1