

17. CHANGE OF THE SABBATH



1. **MATTHEW 5:17-18**

Jesus did not come to destroy the law but to enhance its value

2. **DANIEL 7:25**

Attempts to change God's law were foretold in prophecy through Daniel around 600 B.C.

3. **SABBATH IN 2ND CENTURY**

To distance themselves from persecution aimed at the Jews, some Christians began to worship privately on Sabbath, and publicly on Sunday to coincide with pagan worship of the Sun.

However by the 3rd Century, a large majority of Christians, mostly new converts from pagan worship, began to lose the significance of the seventh-day Sabbath and instead began to embellish worship services on Sunday

4. **A.D. 321 - CONSTANTINE**

In order to unify the ailing Roman empire, Constantine decreed the observance of Sunday as the official day of worship - many Christians rejoiced as it resulted in an end to persecution. A faithful minority did not reject the Sabbath and a small remnant continued keeping the seventh-day sacred through history

5. **A.D. 364 - UNIVERSAL CHURCH**

43 years later, at the Council of Laodicea, the Universal (Catholic) Christian church claimed that it had changed the day of worship from Sabbath (Saturday) to Sunday in honor of the resurrection of Jesus

6. **MATTHEW 15:9**

Substituting God's Word for human tradition is false worship and reveals where one's loyalty is focused

7. **REVELATION 14:12**

God's end-time people love Jesus and obey all of His commandments above any human tradition

