THREE ANGELS AND YOU



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REVELATION 14 BIBLE GUIDES FOR KIDS

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I *love going to church on Sunday and kneeling before the altar*, Benedicto thought. *I feel nice and "clean" when I leave.* But as he grew older, Benedicto became dissatisfied with his church life. *I know!* he thought. *I'll start visiting other churches on Sunday morning.* He did, but nothing seemed to satisfy him.

One night, Benedicto had a dream. In it, he saw a weather-beaten old church without a name on it. Inside the church a man was preaching. "Here is truth," the man said. When Benedicto awakened, he thought, *Where is that church? I haven't seen anything like it around here.*

Benedicto began reading the Bible for himself. To his surprise, he discovered that God's Sabbath is the seventh day of the week, not Sunday, the first day of the week. *I'm going to keep the seventh-day Sabbath even if I'm the only person in the whole world who does so!* he thought.

When Benedicto told his employer that he could no longer work on Sundays, he lost his job. Soon a friend said he needed some help. Benedicto went to work for him, but he didn't say anything about not working on Saturdays. Late Friday afternoon, just as Benedicto was about to bring up the subject, his employer said, "You won't have to come to work tomorrow, Benedicto. You see, the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord."

Benedicto's eyes grew wide. "Sénor, you keep the Sabbath too?" he asked in shock. "I thought I was the only one in the whole world who knew about it!"

The next day Benedicto went with his new employer to church. It was the one from his dream, and so was the preacher! Benedicto had found his new church home, one that kept God's true Sabbath day holy.*

You Worship on *What* Day?

Why do most Christians now go to church on Sunday? A main reason is because they've been told that Sunday is now the Sabbath. Supposedly, this is in honor of Jesus' rising from the tomb on the first day of the week—Sunday. This is often called the "Lord's Day."

Flash Quiz!

1. **T or F**
   Matthew 12:8 says, "For the Son of Man is Lord of Sunday."

2. **Multiple choice**
   According to Genesis 2: 2, 3, at the end of creation week God blessed the (a) first, (b) third, (c) fifth, (d) seventh day.

3. **Isaiah 58:13, 14** clearly shows that _____ is the Lord's holy day.

As a reminder, here's the second angel's message from study 5:

"A second angel followed and said, "'Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great,' which made all the nations drink the maddening wine of her adulteries" (Revelation 14:8).

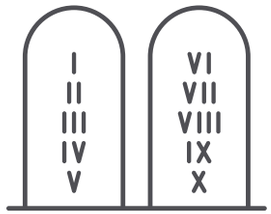
The "maddening wine" was a symbol of false spiritual teachings. Worshiping on Sunday instead of the seventh-day Sabbath fits that description. The Bible is clear that the seventh day of the week is God's special day. So Satan went to work, trying to steer people away from the truth about the Sabbath. Over time, he influenced earthly spiritual



powers until eventually "truth was thrown to the ground" (Daniel 8:12).

Read Daniel 7:25. This verse is part of a Bible prophecy. What specifically did the earthly spiritual powers want to change? Fill in the blank spaces, using the pictures as clues.





"the __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __
and __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __"

In Old Testament Bible language, this could easily include trying to change the seventh-day Sabbath to Sunday.

Read 2 Thessalonians 2:7. What does the apostle Paul say is behind spiritual deceptions? Beginning with the first letter on the bottom left, read or otherwise connect the letters in zig-zag fashion. Write the answer on the blank line.

H S C E P W R F A L S N S
T E E R T O E O L W E S E S

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Take a look at the Ten Commandments found in Exodus 20, then circle the commandment that makes clear which day of the week is God's true Sabbath. How will you celebrate and honor it this week?

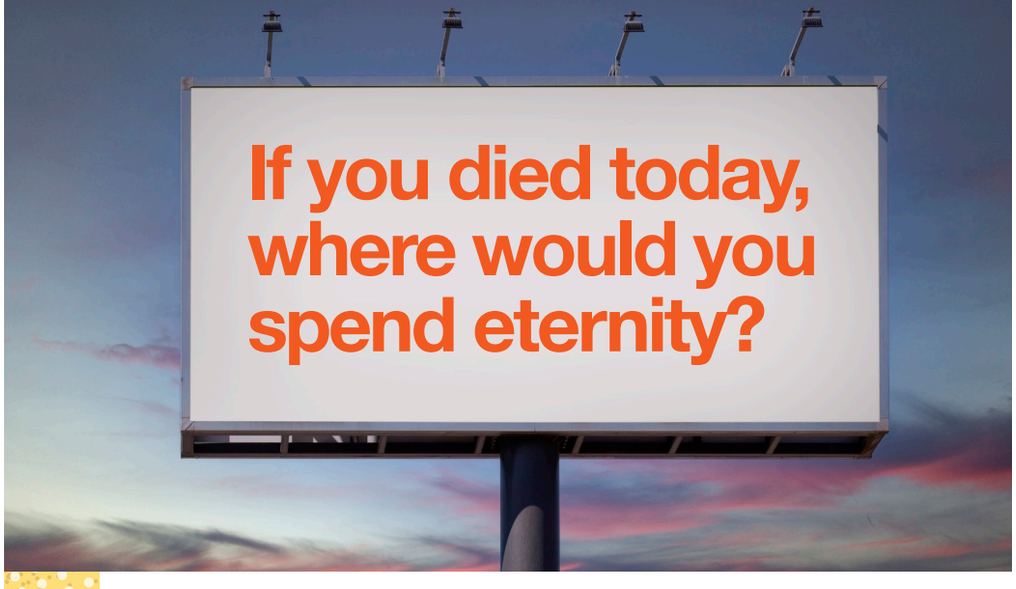
Who Changed Sabbath to Sunday?

After Jesus' death and resurrection, Roman emperors and other leaders started persecuting Christians. Giving in to the pressure, some of these Christians began worshiping on the Roman "day of the sun," or Sunday. Eventually, in AD 321, the Roman emperor Constantine signed the first law stating that Sunday was officially a holy day in the Roman empire. It was to be a day of rest for most people, but the law said farmers could keep working.



The Longest Fire Ever

Maybe you've seen a sign that looks something like this:



This kind of sign is meant to startle or even frighten a person into serving God. That way, when the person dies, they'll live joyfully in heaven forever instead of endlessly roasting in a place called "hell." But is this really what the Bible teaches?

Most people quote this verse when talking about people burning forever in hell:

"They will be tormented with burning sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and of the Lamb. And the smoke of their torment will rise for ever and ever" (Revelation 14:11).

That seems pretty clear, doesn't it? Wicked people will burn forever! Not so fast! Sometimes it can be hard to understand what Bible writers actually meant. After all, this Book was written a long time ago by people who often thought, spoke, and wrote in ways that we don't. But that doesn't mean we can't know the truth.

First of all, there is no mention of "hell" in this verse. But also think about this: Have you ever known someone who regretted doing or saying something? If it was a really bad mistake, their conscience may have "tormented" them. That's something that will happen to people who've chosen to follow "Babylon's" false teachings. They regret following these teachings and for a period of time they're going to be *tormented*, not tortured.

Of course, at some point, all those who've chosen Satan's ways instead of God's ways will be dealt with. Is that where eternal punishment in hell comes in? Once again, the Bible comes to the rescue! Choose the correct phrase from the Phrase Bank to fill in the words on the next page and discover an important Bible truth.

What Exactly Is Hell?

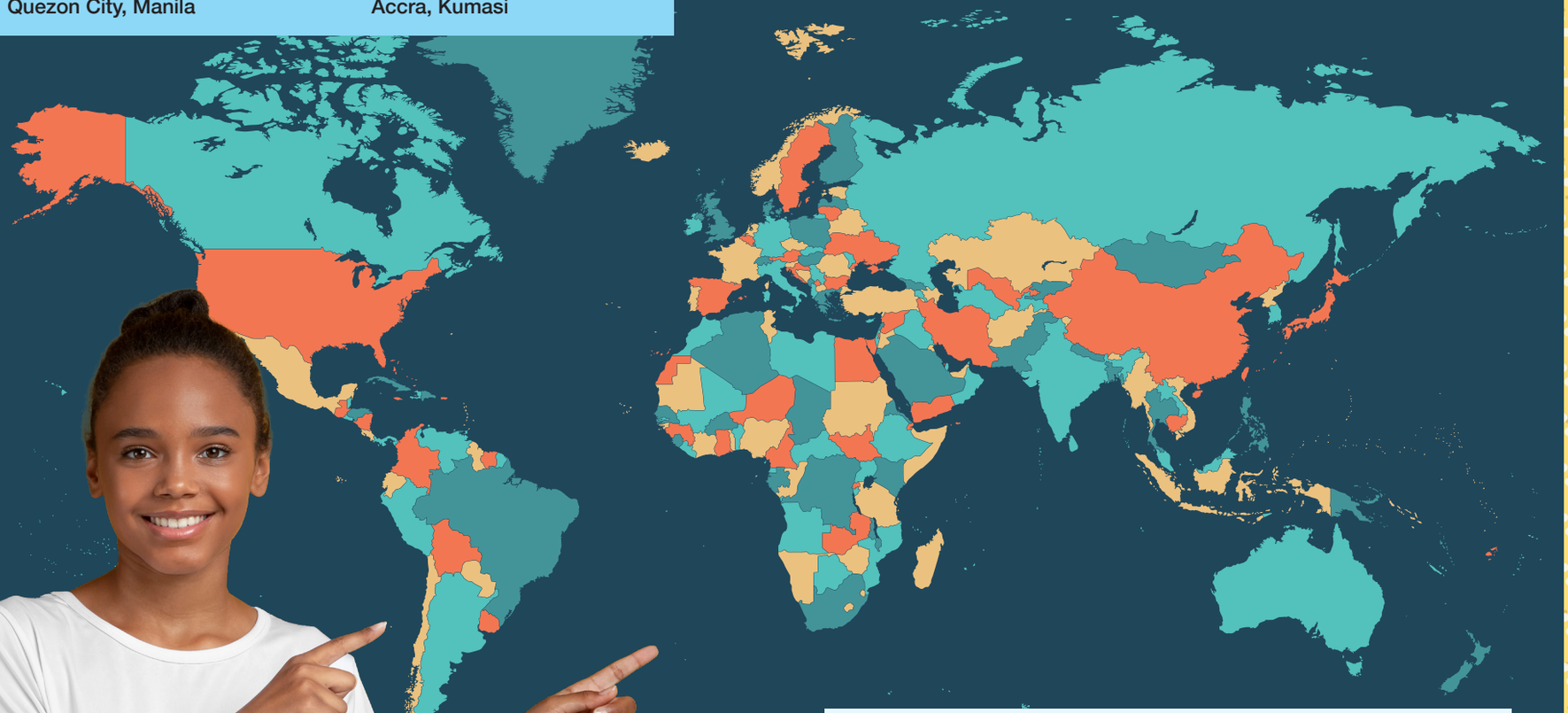
When talking about hell, it's important to put together all the Bible verses on the subject. When we do, instead of an actual place, hell might best be seen as a representation of the extinction of the wicked. You will not find a sign in the center of the earth or in the far reaches of outer space that reads "Welcome to Hell, a Fine Place to Burn Forever."



Phrase Bank

New York, Los Angeles	Sodom, Gomorrah
Buenos Aires, Brasilia	Moscow, St. Petersburg
Quezon City, Manila	Accra, Kumasi





"_____ and _____ and the surrounding towns . . . serve as an example of those who suffer the punishment of eternal fire" (Jude 7).

Q: Is there a fire burning there today?

A: No. (See 2 Peter 2:6.)

The Bible writers wanted us to understand from Revelation 14:11 that the wicked will be destroyed once and for all, not tortured forever! After all, Romans 3:23 says "The wages of sin is death," not eternal life in hell!

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Answers: Flash Quiz!: 1.F, 2. d, 3. Sabbath. Daniel 7:25: set times, the laws; 2 Thessalonians 2:7: the secret power of lawlessness; circled Commandment: 4; Sodom and Gomorrah.



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