

day of the week will receive the mark of the beast which is the sign of allegiance to the Papacy, and will be lost.

This is the doctrine of the Sabbath as a test of loyalty to God in the last days as taught by the Seventh-day Adventists.

Now let us examine this doctrine. As we examine this doctrine, the following things become clear.

First, this doctrine has no Biblical support.

The Seventh-day Adventists base this doctrine on Revelation 14:9-12 where John said:

And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name. Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.<sup>137</sup>

In this passage the Seventh-day Adventists say that John predicted that there will be two classes of people in the last days before the second coming of Christ. They say that John predicted that there will be those who pay homage to the Papacy and apostate Protestantism, and who receive the badge of the papal power which is the observance of the Sabbath on the first day of the week, and that there will be those who obey the commandments of God, and who have faith in Jesus. Since these two classes of people are contrasted with each other, they say that John predicted that the observance of the Sabbath on the seventh day of the week will be restored,<sup>138</sup> and that it will be a world-

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<sup>137</sup>Rev. 14:9-12.

<sup>138</sup>Questions On Doctrine, op. cit., p. 153.