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 - All Saints Day (Halloween)
 - Lent/ New Year's Day
 - Valentine's Day
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Penalty for breaking or changing God's law and/or Sabbath

"Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, **Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.** Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but **whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.**" ~Matthew 5:17-19 (See *Isaiah 56:1, 2, 6-8*)

"And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. **But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected:** hereby know we that we are in him. He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked. Brethren, I write no new commandment unto you, but an old commandment which ye had from the beginning. **The old commandment is the word which ye have heard from the beginning. ... Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.**" ~1 John 2:3-7; 3:4

"But **if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin,** and are convinced of the law as transgressors. **For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.** For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law." ~James 2:9-11 (See *Romans 2:11; Acts 17:10-13*)

"Blessed are they that **do his commandments,** that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city." ~Revelation 22:14 (See *Rev 12:17; 14:12*)

"The land shall be utterly emptied, and utterly spoiled: for the LORD hath spoken this word. The earth mourneth and fadeth away, the world languisheth and fadeth away, the haughty people of the earth do languish. **The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant.** Therefore hath **the curse devoured the earth,** and they that dwell therein are desolate: therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men left." ~Isaiah 24:3-6

"If thou wilt not observe **to do all the words of this law that are written in this book,** that thou mayest **fear** this glorious and fearful name, THE LORD THY **GOD;** Then the LORD will make thy **plagues** wonderful, and the **plagues** of thy seed, **even great plagues,** and of long continuance, and sore sicknesses, and of long continuance." ~Deuteronomy 28:58-59

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"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.**" ~Revelation 14:6, 7

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