**Privacy Notice** 

Effective Date: April 15, 2025

Sabbath Bible Study values your privacy whether you are a visitor, contributor, a donor, or business partner ("you"). In this Privacy Notice ("Notice"), we describe how we collect, use, and disclose information that we obtain through our website (www.sabbathbiblestudy.org,www.sabbathbiblestudy.net, www.sabbathbiblestudy.com,) and related sites linking this Notice (individually and collectively, the "Site"), the services available through our Site (collectively, the "Services"), and how we use and disclose that information.

By visiting the Site or using any of our Services, you agree that your personal information will be handled as described in this Notice. Your use of our Site or Services, and any dispute over privacy, is subject to this Notice and our Terms of Service, including its applicable limitations on damages and the resolution of disputes. The Terms of Service are incorporated by reference into this Notice.

#### WHAT INFORMATION DO WE COLLECT ABOUT YOU AND WHY?

We may collect information about you directly from you and from third parties, as well as automatically through your use of our Site or Services.

Information We Collect Directly From You. We do not have any forms on our website that collects information about you, such as your name, address and e-mail address, and telephone, or any other information such as demographic information such as gender and age. We also have no forms to collect donations as we encourage donations to be made locally within your community to people and organizations of your choice. Additionally, we have no forms to collect credentials/experience information from professional providers.

The only way we directly collect information from you is when you choose to email us. When you email us, through email we obtain your email address and any information about you that you choose to provide in that email. We also will have access to information contained in the email header which is included in all emails but may not always be visible to the user including mandatory fields such as: From: The sender's email address and name; To: The recipient's email address(es); Date: The date and time the email was sent; Subject: The subject line of the email. You email header will also include technical details such as: Return-Path: The initial sender's address used for bounce messages; Reply-To: The address where replies should be sent; Message-ID: A unique identifier for the email; Received: Records the path the email took, including the servers it passed through; X-headers: Can contain information about scanning, anti-virus, and anti-spam processes. Your email header will also contain other important information such as: IP Addresses: The sender's IP address and the IP addresses of the servers involved in the email's journey; Internet Service Provider: The ISP that sent the email, and Email Client: The software used to send the email.

Information We Collect Automatically. When you visit our Site (for example, <a href="https://www.sabbathbiblestudy.org">www.sabbathbiblestudy.org</a>, <a href="https://www.sabbathbiblestudy.com">www.sabbathbiblestudy.com</a>, your computer is interacting with our virtual private server hosted by Dream Host, the web hosting company we use. Just like you should get permission before entering another person's house,

when you are accessing Sabbath Bible Study, whether on your computer or mobile device, your browser asks for permission from the server to enter the website through the standard HTTP protocol. Just like the person in the house will want to know who is visiting before opening the door, computer servers do something similar. They don't get your name, but they get your IP address and time of request. Because IP addresses are linked to geographic areas on earth, IP geolocation is also provided, and at Dream Host, that would be limited to the country your IP address is linked to. We'll also know which IP addresses visited which webpage within our site or if a sermon file or PDF document was accessed, and if you were on a computer or mobile device. Beyond that, we also know which visitors are people and which visitors are bots. This information is readily available to us for a week.

We may also automatically collect the following information about your use of our Site or Services through cookies, web beacons, and other technologies: your domain name; your browser type and operating system; web pages you view; links you click; your IP address; the length of time you visit our Site and or use our Services; and the referring URL, or the webpage that led you to our Site. Please see the section "Cookies and Other Tracking Mechanisms" below for more information.

#### OUR USE OF COOKIES AND OTHER TRACKING MECHANISMS

We and our third-party service providers use cookies and other tracking mechanisms to track information about your use of our Site or Services. We may combine this information with other personal information we collect from you (and our third-party service providers may do so on our behalf).

Currently, our systems do not recognize browser "do-not-track" requests. You may, however, disable certain tracking as discussed in this section (e.g., by disabling cookies).

Cookies. When it comes to cookies, we only use one cookie, a necessary cookie from our third-party service provider CookieYes to record your cookie preference. The CookieYes cookie is linked to the little brown cookie symbol that appears in the bottom left of your browser window when visiting our website. When you respond we get the date and time, a unique consent ID consisting of many random letters and numbers, whether you accept or reject cookies, your country, The IP address linked to your visit, and if you accepted some but not all cookie types, we'll know which types of cookies you have accepted and rejected. We'll also know the language used by you. We do not use any other cookies or third-party cookies such as Google Analytics to track you, nor do we use functional, performance, or advertising cookies or use third-party functional, performance, or advertising cookies.

More Information About Cookies. Cookies are alphanumeric identifiers that we transfer to your computer's hard drive through your web browser for record-keeping purposes. Some cookies allow us to make it easier for you to navigate our Site and Services, while others are used to enable a faster log-in process or to allow us to track your activities at our Site and Service. The ability to select or download information on our Site is not cookie driven. There are two types of cookies: session and persistent cookies.

• Session Cookies. Session cookies exist only during an online session. They disappear from your computer when you close your browser or turn off your computer. We use session cookies to allow our systems to uniquely identify you during a session or while you are logged

into the Site. This allows us to process your online transactions and requests and verify your identity, after you have logged in, as you move through our Site.

• Persistent Cookies. Persistent cookies remain on your computer after you have closed your browser or turned off your computer. We use persistent cookies to track aggregate and statistical information about user activity, and to display advertising both on our Site and on third-party sites.

Disabling Cookies. Most web browsers automatically accept cookies, but if you prefer, you can edit your browser options to block them in the future. The Help portion of the toolbar on most browsers will tell you how to prevent your computer from accepting new cookies, how to have the browser notify you when you receive a new cookie, or how to disable cookies altogether. Visitors to our Site who disable cookies will be able to browse certain areas of the Site, but some features may not function.

**Local Storage Objects.** We currently do not use Flash Storage Objects in our website or any other type of local storage object.

Clear GIFs, pixel tags and other technologies. We do not use clear GIFs, pixel tags, and other similar technologies in our site. We also do not use clear GIFs in HTML e-mails that we send, and we feel this provides you with the most privacy.

Third Party Analytics. We do not use automated devices and applications, such as Google Analytics, to evaluate usage of our Site. Your web browser might track that you are visiting Sabbath Bible Study, and you can configure your web browser to make changes to what your web browser remembers about you. We do collect information automatically about you when you do visit our sit. Please see the prior section Information We Collect Automatically.

**Social Media.** Any presence maintained by Sabbath Bible Study on social media platforms, such as but not limited to Facebook, X, Instagram, and YouTube will be governed by the Privacy Policy of the social media platform.

### HOW WE USE YOUR INFORMATION

Other than information provided by you in email, we collect very little information about you, and that type of information can be found in the earlier section Information We Automatically Collect. We use your information, including your personal information, for the following purposes:

- To respond to you about any communications you may have had with us.
- To provide information and updates to you about the site.
- To consider the geographic locations of visitors to the site when developing new content.
- To better understand how you access and use our Site and Services, both on an aggregated and individualized basis, in order to improve our Site and Services and respond to your desires and preferences, and for other research and analytical purposes.

# HOW WE SHARE YOUR INFORMATION

Your personal information will never be sold, given, rented or traded to others. We may share your information, including personal information, as follows:

- Service Providers. We may disclose the information we collect from you to third party vendors, service providers, contractors or agents who perform functions on our behalf. Sabbath Bible Study utilizes the services of intermediaries United States Post Office, United Parcel Service (UPS), FedEx, and various direct mail firms to process and/or send out information requested and/or provided to those who have contacted us and provided a mailing address. To our knowledge, these intermediaries do not store, retain or use the information in any way. These parties are contractually obligated with Sabbath Bible Study to use your information only for the purpose of sending mailing you information requested and/or provided.
- Business Transfers. If we are acquired by or merged with another organization, if substantially all our assets are transferred to another organization, or as part of a bankruptcy proceeding, we may transfer the information we have collected from you to the other organization.
- In Response to Legal Process. We also may disclose the information we collect from you in order to comply with the law, a judicial proceeding, court order, or other legal process, such as in response to a court order or a subpoena.
- To Protect Us and Others. We also may disclose the information we collect from you where we believe it is necessary to investigate, prevent, or take action regarding illegal activities, suspected fraud, situations involving potential threats to the safety of any person, violations of our Terms of Use or this Notice, or as evidence in litigation in which Sabbath Bible Study is involved.
- Aggregate and De-Identified Information. We may share demographic information in aggregate terms for reporting purposes research, or similar purposes.

#### **USER GENERATED CONTENT**

User generated content is not included on our site.

## THIRD-PARTY LINKS

Our Site and Services may contain links to third-party websites. Any access to and use of such linked websites is not governed by this Notice, but instead is governed by the privacy policies of those third-party websites. These sites may independently collect or request information about you and we encourage you to read the privacy statements of these linked sites as their privacy Notice may differ from ours. We are not responsible for the information practices of such third-party websites.

### SECURITY OF MY PERSONAL INFORMATION

We have implemented commercially reasonable precautions to protect the information we collect from loss, misuse, and unauthorized access, disclosure, alteration, and destruction. All employees must learn and obey our security policies. Access to your personal information is limited to key management personnel and relevant staff. The information is ID and password protected. Our Site security is reviewed regularly. Please be aware that despite our efforts, no data security measures can guarantee 100% security.

Users cannot create an account to use the site. You cannot create a username and password, nor will one be created for you by the site, and there is no personally identifiable information about you that is maintained as data within the site.

We encourage donations to be made locally within your community to people and organizations of your choice and do not provide a form to make online donations to the site. Should you wish to make a donation to support this site, please email us at <a href="mailto:tom.laign@sabbathbiblestudy.org">tom.laign@sabbathbiblestudy.org</a> to begin the process.

## ACCESS TO MY PERSONAL INFORMATION

We do not have any forms on our website that collects information about you, such as your name, address and e-mail address, and telephone, or any other information such as demographic information such as gender, age. We also have no forms to collect donations as we encourage donations to be made locally within your community to people and organizations of your choice. Additionally, we have no forms to collect credentials/experience information from professional providers. Additionally we do not allow users to create and account with a password nor does the site create an account with a password for users. Only information identified in the Information We Collect Automatically is maintained, and that information is not automatically linked to your name, email address, address, or phone number, because we can only obtain your name, email address, address, or phone number if you choose to provide that to us through email, mail, or a phone call. Because users cannot create an account and because the site does not create an account with a password for you, users have no direct access to information identified in the Information We Collect Automatically, but upon email request we will work with the requestor to provide that information.

## WHAT CHOICES DO I HAVE REGARDING USE OF MY PERSONAL INFORMATION?

If you do not want your personally identifiable information collected or stored, please do not provide this information to us through email, mail, or phone calls. If you have already submitted personal information and would like us to correct or remove your information from our records maintained separately from the site, please contact us at tom.laign@sabbathbiblestudy.org.

If you are outside the European Union or in the European Union and opt to access any information through our website, you will not need to register in any way to access the information. Viewing or listening to any content on the site will not cause you to be registered to receive any type of email newsletter or cause to collect information about you beyond what is included in the section Information We Collect Automatically. Should you choose to contact us by email, phone, or mail, we may choose to respond to you using a similar method of contact.

## CHILDREN'S ONLINE PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT

The Site is not directed at and is not to be used by children under the age of 13. We support and comply with the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA). Sabbath Bible Study does not solicit or collect personal information from children under the age of 13. By using the Site and/or Services, you represent and warrant that you are at least 13 years of age.

## **CHANGES TO THIS NOTICE**

This Notice is current as of the Effective Date set forth above. We may change this Notice from time to time, so please be sure to check back periodically. If we make any material changes in our privacy practices or in how we use your personally identifiable information, we will post a prominent notice on our Site prior to implementation of the change.

## **CONTACT US**

If you like privacy, at Sabbath Bible Study, we hope you can tell that we value your privacy and collect very little information, and once we have that very little information, we never sell it. If you have questions about the privacy aspects of our Services, would prefer not to receive updates, or would like to make a complaint about this Notice, please contact us at:

(915) 857-0494, or email us at <a href="mailto:tom.laign@sabbathbiblestudy.org">tom.laign@sabbathbiblestudy.org</a>; or write us at:

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#### CALIFORNIA CONSUMER PRIVACY ACT

Effective January 1, 2020, if you are a California resident, you have expanded rights regarding the collection and disclosure of information about yourself as part of the California Consumer Privacy Act of 2018 (CCPA).

Only you or your authorized representative may make these requests. You may make requests for data disclosure or portability no more than twice in a 12-month period. In your request, you must provide enough information to allow us to verify you are the person about whom we collected personal information, or their authorized representative. You must also describe your request with enough detail so that we can understand, evaluate and respond to it. We can't respond to your request if we can't verify your identity. Making such a request does not require you to create an account with us, and we will only use the information you provide in a request to verify your identity. Authorized representatives must provide a signed, written permission to make such requests or power of attorney. You may also make a request on behalf of your minor child.

If you have questions about any of these rights, please call us at (915) 857-0494.

We will not discriminate against you for exercising any of your CCPA rights.

## Information We Collect

Below are the categories and examples of information we collect through our site, along with how we use that information. Unless otherwise noted, we collect this information from our users, customers and service providers. Unless otherwise noted, we use this information to enable use of our sites, services and products; to communicate with you; to understand how users interact with our site; and to improve our products and services. Unless otherwise noted, we may share this information with our service providers.

- Identifiers such as IP address.
- Internet/network activity, such as content you visit on our site.
- Geolocation data, such as the location of your computer or mobile device.

We will not collect additional categories of personal information or use it in materially different purposes without providing you notice. Your personal information may be shared with third parties for business purpose ("service providers"). Service providers are required to keep the personal information confidential and not use it for any purpose other than what is specified in what is outlined in our contract with them.

# Right to Know

In accordance with the CCPA, you have the right to know what information we have collected about you. You can request us to disclose this personal information no more than twice in a 12-month period. This information will be provided in an accessible format that allows you to transmit your data from one entity to another. If you would like a list of the information we maintain, we will email it to you within 45 days of your request. If we require more time (up to 90 days) we'll let you know this, and the reason why, in writing. Call (915) 857-0494 to proceed with this request or email <a href="mailto:tom.laign@sabbathbiblestudy.org">tom.laign@sabbathbiblestudy.org</a>. You may also write to this address:

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## Right to Delete

In accordance with the CCPA, you have the right to request that we delete the information we have about you. Sabbath Bible Study does not offer services that require certain information in order to work. Deleting your information will not affect your ability to access any part of the site. We will attempt to complete your request within 45 days. If we require more time (up to 90 days) we'll let you know this, and the reason why, in writing. Call (915) 857-0494 to proceed with this request or email <a href="mailto:tom.laign@sabbathbiblestudy.org">tom.laign@sabbathbiblestudy.org</a>. You may also write to this address:

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#### Do Not Sell

In accordance with the CCPA, if you are 16 years or older, you have the right to opt-out of the sale of your personal information. Consumers who we know are under 16 are already opted-out of this sale of information, unless they have specifically exercised their right to opt-in. A parent or guardian must provide an opt-in for consumers less than 13.

Sabbath Bible Study does not now, nor have we in the past, sell or provide consumer information to third parties. Please see HOW WE USE YOUR INFORMATION for more information on how we use your information.

## Other California Privacy Rights

We do not share your information for direct marketing purposes. California's "Shine the Light" law (Civil Code Section 1798.83, also known as S.B. 27) allows customers to opt out of having your personal information shared for direct marketing purposes. To make this request, you may write us at Tom Laign, Sabbath Bible Study, 12228 Edgar Degas; El Paso, TX 79936; email us at tom.laign@sabbathbiblestudy.org or call (915) 857-0494. Within 30 days of receiving your request, we will provide a list of the categories of personal information disclosed to third parties for direct marketing purposes during the preceding year, along with the names and addresses of those third parties. This request may be made no more than once per calendar year. We reserve our right not to respond to requests submitted to locations other than those specified above.

#### **NEVADA CONSUMER OPT-OUT REQUESTS**

Nevada S.B. 220 provides consumers with the ability to opt out of the sale of their personal information. We do not sell your personal information as defined in S.B. 220. However, should you wish to proactively opt out, your request must be submitted to Tom Laign, Sabbath Bible Study, 12228 Edgar Degas; El Paso, TX 79936; email us at <a href="mailto:tom.laign@sabbathbiblestudy.org">tom.laign@sabbathbiblestudy.org</a> or call (915) 857-0494. We will record your request and avoid selling your information at any point in the future.

#### **VISITORS' GDPR RIGHTS**

If you are within the European Union, you are entitled to certain information and have certain rights under the General Data Protection Regulation. Those rights include:

We will retain the any information you choose to provide to us until the earlier of: (a) you asking us to delete the information, (b) our decision to cease using our existing data providers, or (c) Sabbath Bible Study decides that the value in retaining the data is outweighed by the costs of retaining it.

You have the right to request access to your data that Sabbath Bible Study stores and the rights to either rectify or erase your personal data.

You have the right to seek restrictions on the processing of your data.

You have the right to object to the processing of your data and the right to the portability of your data.

To the extent that you provided consent to Sabbath Bible Study's processing of your personal data, you have the right to withdraw that consent at any time, without affecting the lawfulness of processing based upon consent that occurred prior to your withdrawal of consent.

You have the right to lodge a complaint with a supervisory authority that has jurisdiction over issues related to the General Data Protection Regulation.

We require only the information that is reasonably required to enter into a contract with you. We will not require you to provide consent for any unnecessary processing as a condition of entering into a contract with us.

We use your personal data to make the following automated decisions: We do not, and our third-party providers do not maintain personal data about users that would help us make automated decisions regarding use of the site.

#### **OUR GDPR REPRESENTATIVE**

The Company employs the following party as its representative for handling General Data Protection Regulation issues.

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