



“The 7th Day, the Sabbath, the Lord’s Day”

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1 Thus the heavens and the earth were completed, and all their hosts.

- God’s act of creating is done.
- What God set out to do, He has accomplished in 6 days.
- There is nothing more that needs to be done.

Hik

(kahlah)

Def. – finished, ended, completed, done, fulfilled, ceased, accomplished.

- Reminds us of the cross – “It is finished.”
- When God says something is finished, He means it.

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Abx

(tsaba)

Def. A mass of persons or things, organized for a specific purpose. Like an army for war. A campaign.

- Here it refers to all creation – angels, sun, moon, stars, animals, birds, insects, plants, earth, oceans, light, darkness, and of course man and woman.
- So the entire creation, so to speak, stands at attention to accomplish the creator's purpose. The creation is totally organized to function perfectly for the glory of God.

2 By the seventh day God completed His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done.

- At this point we have no names for the days except the numbering (1-7).
- This is the seventh day and is only known as the seventh day (not Sat. or Sun.). You have to divorce yourself from those names to think clearly about what this means at this point.
- **Note:** "He has done" is repeated twice in this verse. God did it, not evolution.

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Mo'

"day"

Mo' – yom – day – part of a day, 24-hour solar day, a period of time greater than a day.

- **"day"** is used 2,301 times in the O.T.
- Outside of Gen. 1, "day" is used as an ordinary 24-hour day when :
 - 410 times - "day" + number (plural or singular). Always 24-hour.
 - 38 times - "evening and morning" without "day" but means 24-hour day. Always 24-hour,
 - 23 times - "evening and morning" with "day". Always 24-hour.
 - 52 times – "night" with "day". Always 24-hour.

2 By the seventh day God completed His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done.

Hbv

(shabath)

Def. - to cease from exertion, to stop.

- Here it does not mean “rest”, as if one was tired or exhausted.
- God was not tired from creating.

Isa 40:28

28 Do you not know? Have you not heard?

The Everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth

Does not become weary or tired.

Ps 121:4

4 Behold, He who keeps Israel

Will neither slumber nor sleep.

- He simply ceased from what He was doing.
- Though the word here is the word from which we get our word Sabbath, it still only means “to cease”.

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- God does 2 things for the 7th day:

1. He blesses it.

/rb

(barak)

Def. – praise, lift up, salute, adore, bless.

- God makes it a special day. It is special because this is the day he finished with His creation.

2. He sanctified it.

vdq

(qadash)

Def. – set-apart, dedicate, observe, sanctify.

- It was a celebration for the ending of the work of creating.
- **Note:** There is no “evening and morning” or “seventh day”. It is open ended.
- So, is this the Sabbath of the O.T.? Is it the Lord’s Day found in the N.T.?
- Let’s do a mini study on the comparison of 3 different days . . .

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7th Day of Creation

- A day where God ceased from creating.
- God created for 6 days and then stopped.
- Man was not asked to do anything. Not commanded to observe anything.
- It is simply a day, the 7th day, that God calls special, for what was accomplished in creation.
- On our calendar, this would be Saturday, the last day of the week.
- This is not the Sabbath, which we first see in Ex. 16.
- This is not the Lord’s Day as found in the N.T.

The Sabbath

- First occurrence in O.T. –

• Ex 16:23

3 then he said to them, "This is what the Lord meant: Tomorrow is a **sabbath** observance, a holy **sabbath** to the Lord. Bake what you will bake and boil what you will boil, and all that is left over put aside to be kept until morning."

- This is a pre-law observance. This was a preparation of what was to come.
- This was first instituted in the Mosaic Law -

10 but the seventh day is a sabbath of the Lord your God; in it you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter, your male or your female servant or your cattle or your sojourner who stays with you.

11 "For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and made it holy.

12 "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be prolonged in the land which the Lord your God gives you.

13 "You shall not murder.

14 "You shall not commit adultery.

15 "You shall not steal.

16 "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

17 "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife or his male servant or his female servant or his ox or his donkey or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

Ex 20:1-17

1 Then God spoke all these words, saying,

2 "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

3 "You shall have no other gods before Me.

4 "You shall not make for yourself an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth.

5 "You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me,

6 but showing lovingkindness to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

7 "You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not leave him unpunished who takes His name in vain.

8 "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

9 "Six days you shall labor and do all your work,

The Sabbath

- This was to be a sign -

Ex 31:12-17

12 The Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

13 "But as for you, speak to the sons of Israel, saying, 'You shall surely observe My sabbaths; for this is a sign between Me and you throughout your generations, **that you may know that I am the Lord who sanctifies you.**

14 'Therefore you are to observe the sabbath, for it is holy to you. Everyone who profanes it shall surely be put to death; for whoever does any work on it, that person shall be cut off from among his people.

15 'For six days work may be done, but on the seventh day there is a sabbath of complete rest, holy to the Lord; whoever does any work on the sabbath day shall surely be put to death.

16 'So the sons of Israel shall observe the sabbath, to celebrate the sabbath throughout their generations as a perpetual covenant.'

17 "It is a sign between Me and the sons of Israel forever; for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, but on the seventh day He ceased from labor, and was refreshed."

The Day of the Lord

- The observance of this day was the first day of the week not the seventh day.
- So, it moved from Sat. to Sun.
- After Pentecost (the birth of the Church), the Church met on the first day, the day Christ arose from the dead.
- The Old Covenant passed away, and the New Covenant was inaugurated.
- The Sabbath observance on the 7th day was no longer required . . .

- It was a sign that pointed to the need for holiness through obedience to the law.

- God required Israel to take a day where they would cease from their work and remember that it is God Who will sanctify (make holy) them through their obedience to the Law.

- Sadly, the leadership in Israel perverted the Sabbath and made it a burden on the people.

- When Jesus came on the scene, He ignored all of their silly rules and regulations and they just couldn't handle it.

- The breaking of the Sabbath, more than anything, ended up putting Jesus on the cross.

Luke 23:56-24:3

56 Then they returned and prepared spices and perfumes.

And on the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

1 But on the **first day of the week**, at early dawn, they came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared.

2 And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb,

3 but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.

Acts 20:7-12

7 On the **first day of the week**, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul began talking to them, intending to leave the next day, and he prolonged his message until midnight.

8 There were many lamps in the upper room where we were gathered together.

9 And there was a young man named Eutychus sitting on the window sill, sinking into a deep sleep; and as Paul kept on talking, he was overcome by sleep and fell down from the third floor and was picked up dead.

10 But Paul went down and fell upon him, and after embracing him, he said, "Do not be troubled, for his life is in him."

11 When he had gone back up and had broken the bread and eaten, he talked with them a long while until daybreak, and then left.

12 They took away the boy alive, and were greatly comforted.

1 Cor 16:1-2

1 Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I directed the churches of Galatia, so do you also.

2 On the **first day of every week** each one of you is to put aside and save, as he may prosper,

Rev 1:10

10 I was in the Spirit on the **Lord's day**, and I heard behind me a loud voice like the sound of a trumpet,

Heb 4:1-5

1 Therefore, let us fear if, while a promise remains of entering His rest, any one of you may seem to have come short of it.

2 For indeed we have had good news preached to us, just as they also; but the word they heard did not profit them, because it was not united by faith in those who heard.

3 For we who have believed enter that rest, just as He has said,

"AS I SWORE IN MY WRATH,

THEY SHALL NOT ENTER MY REST,"

although His works were finished from the foundation of the world.

4 For He has said somewhere concerning the seventh day: "AND GOD RESTED ON THE SEVENTH DAY FROM ALL HIS WORKS";

5 and again in this passage, "THEY SHALL NOT ENTER MY REST."

Col 2:16-17

16 Therefore no one is to act as your judge in regard to food or drink or in respect to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath day —

17 things which are a mere shadow of what is to come; but the substance belongs to Christ.

Gal 4:8-11

8 However at that time, when you did not know God, you were slaves to those which by nature are no gods.

9 But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how is it that you turn back again to the weak and worthless elemental things, to which you desire to be enslaved all over again?

10 You observe days and months and seasons and years.

11 I fear for you, that perhaps I have labored over you in vain.

Rom 14:5

5 One person regards one day above another, another regards every day alike. Each person must be fully convinced in his own mind.

6 He who observes the day, observes it for the Lord,

Application

1. Our Saturday (7th day of creation) should be remembered as a day of celebration in the finished work of **creation**.

2. Our Sunday (1st day of the week) should be a celebration of the resurrection of Christ, and our **salvation** found alone in Him. The entire day should be set-apart for God – teaching from the Word, fellowship with other believers, prayer, breaking of bread (Acts 2:42)

3. Missing a day of work on Sunday will not affect you financially. God will provide for you, as He did with the manna to Israel.

4. Today we have entered into the “rest” of the finished work of Christ

5. Therefore, every day for the believer, is a rest in the finished work of Christ.