

Gen 2:1-3



The Sabbath was lovingly instituted *by* God and set apart at Creation for man to commune with *his* Creator. God rested upon the *seventh day*, blessed the *seventh day*, and hallowed it. The Sabbath is a *memorial of Creation – our creation*; it *will always be* a memorial that God is *our* Maker. It will continue as a *loving reminder* for us of God's *relationship* bond with *His* Creation – *His* children – you and I – *forever!*

Exo 31:15

God was the One *Who* made the Sabbath holy. He has *always* considered it holy. It *is holy* forever – as God *never changes* throughout *eternity*.

Exo 20:8-11

We worship Him *as* our Creator *by* keeping *His* Sabbath – the Lord's Day – the seventh day – the Sabbath of the Bible. God lovingly *commands* us to recognize the *sanctity* of *His* Sabbath. This 4th Commandment is the most *forgotten* – hence God said "Remember the Sabbath to keep it holy." It has always been *holy* and is to be remembered as *holy* forever.

Rev 4:11; Gen 1; Exo 20:8-11

The basis of all worship *is* the fact that *God created* us – commemorated by the Sabbath.

Rev 14:6,7; Exo 20:8-11

God's final message to mankind is *a call to worship* the Creator *and* Author of the Sabbath. Creation and the Sabbath are linked *eternally*.

Eph 3:9

Since Jesus was the active agent in Creation (Joh 1:1-14), Revelation's final call to worship the Creator *is* a call to *give honor* to Jesus as *our* Creator and to honor Him by *following His example* of worshipping on *His* Holy Sabbath Day.

Luk 4:16; Rev 14:12
Mar 2:27,28

Jesus was a *faithful* Sabbath keeper when He was on the earth. This is the "*faith of Jesus.*" The Sabbath was given to human race – 2300 years *before* Jews existed – as a memorial for *all mankind* that God is *our* loving Creator. The Sabbath was made *for man*. Not only for Jews.

Eze 20:12,20

The Sabbath was established for all mankind *as a sign* between God and His people. You and I are *His* children when we keep *His* holy day.

Neh 9:12-14

The Lord shows His *loving favor* to His people in appointing a Sabbath. God is love!

Exo 23:12

God shows considerate *kindness* by appointing the Sabbath for *our* refreshing.

Heb 4:4,9

The Sabbath is a type of the *Heavenly rest*.

Deu 5:15

God desires *His goodness* commemorated in the observance of *His* Sabbath.

Exo 16:23,25,26

A 3-fold miracle marked the *specialness* of the Sabbath during the wilderness wanderings.

Exo 31:13

The Sabbath is a sign of *God's power to sanctify* His people.

Lev 19:30

God *commands* us to *keep* the Sabbath *holy*. The Sabbath is a *Commandment* – not just an option of for *loving relationship*.

Mat 24:20

Jesus predicted the Sabbath would be kept *holy* by his beloved disciples 35 years later after His death, at the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 A.D.

Act 13:42-44

Paul himself lovingly kept the Sabbath *holy* for his Savior and always met to *worship* God on the Sabbath with the whole city, Jews and Gentiles.

Act 16:13

In Philippi, Paul *worshipped* privately with a group of fellow believers on Sabbath in a country setting, since there was no established Christian church.

Rev 1:10

The beloved disciples kept *special* the Lord's Day (the Sabbath) at the end of the first century. The Lord's Day is the Sabbath; it is revealed clearly for us in Mat 12:8; Mar 2:27,28; and Luk 6:5.

Luk 23:54-56, 24:1

The Sabbath is on Saturday, the *seventh day of the week*.

Friday – the day Christ died – the Preparation Day.

Sabbath – the day Jesus rested in the tomb – Saturday.

Sunday – the day Jesus resurrected – the first day.

Heb 13:8

Jesus is the *same* yesterday, today and forever. Christ, the Author of the Sabbath, *never changes*.

Isa 66:22,23

We shall keep the holy Sabbath each week *in heaven* – in the New Earth.

Christ and *His* Sabbath

Mar 2:28

Christ is *Lord* of the Sabbath.

Luk 4:16; Rev 14:12

Jesus was a faithful Sabbath keeper when He was on the earth. This is the "*faith of Jesus.*"

Mat 24:20

Jesus taught His disciples to pray that they might not break the Sabbath.

Luk 4:31; 6:6

Christ taught on *His* Sabbath day.

Joh 5:5-9

Christ healed on *His* Sabbath day.

Mar 3:1-5

Christ taught it was right to perform acts of mercy on *His* Sabbath day.

Mat 12:12; Luk 13:16

The Savior recognized *His* Sabbath Law.

Exo 20:10; Deu 5:14

Servants and cattle should be allowed to rest upon the Sabbath.



Lev 23:3; Exo 20:10
Neh 10:31; 13:15-17
Neh 13:19; Jer 17:21
Exo 16:23
Gen 1:5, 8, 13, 19, 23, 31
Lev 23:32; Mk 1:21,32
Neh 13:19
Acts 16:13
Acts 13:27; 15:21
Acts 13:14,15, 42-44; 17:2; 18:4
Num 28:9; Mat 12:5; Joh 7:23
Mat 12:1, Luk 13:15,16; 14:1

No manner of work is to be done on the Sabbath.
No purchases are to be made on the Sabbath.
No burdens are to be carried on the Sabbath.
Food were to be prepared the day before the Sabbath.
Each day begins with the evening, at sunset.
Sabbath begins at sunset.
All work set aside when it begins to be dark, before the Sabbath
Divine worship is to be celebrated *on* the Sabbath.
The Scriptures are to be read *on* the Sabbath.
The Word of God is to be preached *on* the Sabbath.
Work connected with *loving religious service* is allowed *on* the Sabbath.
Necessary human needs may be supplied *on* the Sabbath day.

The Relation of the Sabbath to God and *His* People

What does the Sabbath have to do with *my relationship* with God?

Which day is *The Lord's Day*? Does it really matter which day *is* the Lord's Day?

Who owns the Sabbath? Is God and *His* holy Sabbath the same then, now, and in the future?

Exo 20:10; Lev 23:3; Deu 5:14

"It *is* the Sabbath of the Lord thy God." The Sabbath *is* the *Lord's* Day. The Sabbath *is* God's holy day – in *His* holy Law. It is *His* – it *belongs* to Him – and made for us.

Exo 31:15

The Sabbath of rest.

Exo 16:23

The rest of the holy Sabbath.

Isa 58:13

It is *God's* holy day.

Gen 2:2,3

It is the rest day of the Lord.

Rev 1:10

It is the *Lord's* day.

Luk 4:16; Rev 14:12

It is the "*faith of Jesus*."

Exo 20:11; Rev 14:6-12

It is God's *seal* in *His* Law. It is *His mark* of sovereignty over *His* people – you and I.

(3 components of a seal of a legal document: Name, Title, Territory of Sovereignty.)

(eg. The Seal of the U.S.A.: George Washington, President, United States of America)

(eg. The Seal of God's Law [the Sabbath]: The Lord/Jehovah, Creator, Heaven and Earth)

The Sabbath is *God's mark* of *true* worship and *loving relationship* with us.

(The *mark of the beast* is a *counterfeit* day of worship of pagan origin venerating the day of the *sun* – a *man-made* attempt to change God's immutable Law, abrogating the *seal of God's Ten Commandments of Love* [the Sabbath].)

God calls us to *love* Him by *keeping* His Commandments and *shun* the *false mark of worship*.

The Sabbath is a sign of God's *power to sanctify* His people.

A rush of work is no excuse for breaking the Sabbath.

Sabbath-breaking is classed with *false* balances and short measures.

Exo 31:13

Exo 34:21

Amos 8:5

Who observes the Sabbath?

Neh 13:22

Saints *love* God by keeping the Sabbath holy as commanded *in His* holy Law.

Psa 118:24; 58:13

Saints rejoice in the Sabbath.

Eze 20:12,20

The Sabbath was established for *all mankind* as a sign between God and *His people* – *you and I*.

Joh 14:15, 21; Exo 20:6; Deu 5:10;

We *love* Him by keeping *His* Ten Commandments (including the *His* Sabbath). God keeps His covenant of mercy to all who *love* Him *and keep His Commandments*.

Deu 7:9; Neh 1:5; Dan 9:4

Neh 13:15,20,21

God's messenger testifies God's displeasure against those who desecrate *His* Sabbath.

What is *special* for you and I when we honor and keep the Sabbath *holy*?

Isa 58:13,14

There is blessedness in *honoring* the Sabbath of the Lord.

Isa 56:2-6

There is a blessing in *keeping* the Sabbath *holy*.

Isa 66:22,23

God's Word says that in the New Earth, *we* all will *keep* the Sabbath *holy* throughout *eternity*. His Word *stands forever* (Isa 40:8).

Blessed Sabbath: *God is Love!*