

The Seventh-Day Sabbath

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ORIGIN OF THE SABBATH

Genesis 2:1 And the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. **2** And on the **seventh day** God finished his work which he had made; and he rested on the **seventh day** from all his work which he had made. **3** And God blessed the **seventh day**, and hallowed it; because that in it he rested from all his work which God had created and made.

COMMANDED TO HALLOW THE SABBATH

Exodus 20:8 Remember the **sabbath day**, to keep it holy. **9** Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work; **10** but the **seventh day** is a **sabbath** unto **Jehovah** thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy man-servant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: **11** for in six days **Jehovah** made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the **seventh day**: wherefore **Jehovah** blessed the **sabbath day**, and hallowed it.

Exodus 31:14 Ye shall keep the **sabbath** therefore; for it is holy unto you: every one that profaneth it shall surely be put to death; for whosoever doeth any work therein, that soul shall be cut off from among his people. surely be put to death.

DELIGHT IN THE SABBATH

Isaiah 56:1 Thus saith **Jehovah**, Keep ye justice, and do righteousness; for my salvation is near to come, and my righteousness to be revealed. **2** Blessed is the man that doeth this, and the son of man that holdeth it fast; that keepeth the **sabbath** from profaning it, and keepeth his hand from doing any evil. **3** Neither let the foreigner, that hath joined himself to **Jehovah**, speak, saying, **Jehovah** will surely separate me from his people; neither let the eunuch say, Behold, I am a dry tree. **4** For thus saith **Jehovah** of the eunuchs that keep my sabbaths, and choose the things that please me, and hold fast my covenant: **5** Unto them will I give in my house and within my walls a memorial and a name better than of sons and of daughters; I will give them an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off. **6** Also the foreigners that join themselves to **Jehovah**, to minister unto him, and to love the name of **Jehovah**, to be his servants, every one that keepeth the **sabbath** from profaning it, and holdeth fast my covenant; **7** even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

Isaiah 58:13 If thou turn away thy foot from the **sabbath**, from doing thy pleasure on my holy **day**; and call the **sabbath** a delight, and the holy of **Jehovah** honorable; and shalt honor it, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words: **14** then shalt thou delight thyself in **Jehovah**; and I will make thee to ride upon the high places of the earth; and I will feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of **Jehovah** hath spoken it.

JESUS ON THE SABBATH

Luke 4:16 And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and he entered, as his custom was, into the synagogue on the **sabbath day**, and stood up to read.

Mark 2:27 And he said unto them, The **sabbath** was made for man, and not man for the **sabbath**:

Mark 2:28; Luke 6:5; Matthew 12:8 ... the Son of man is Lord even of the **sabbath day**.

Matthew 12:10 and behold, a man having a withered hand. And they asked him, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the **sabbath day**? that they might accuse him. **11** And he said unto them, What man shall there be of you, that shall have one sheep, and if this fall into a pit on the **sabbath day**, will he not lay hold on it, and lift it out? **12** How much then is a man of more value than a sheep! Wherefore it is lawful to do good on the **sabbath day**..

EARLY CHURCH ON THE SABBATH

Luke 23:54 And it was the **day** of the Preparation, and the **sabbath** drew on. **55** And the women, who had come with him out of Galilee, followed after, and beheld the tomb, and how his body was laid. **56** And they returned, and prepared spices and ointments. And on the **sabbath** they rested according to the commandment.

Acts 13:14 But they, passing through from Perga, came to Antioch of Pisidia; and they went into the synagogue on the **sabbath day**, and sat down.... **27** For they that dwell in Jerusalem, and their rulers,

because they knew him not, nor the voices of the prophets which are read every **sabbath**, fulfilled them by condemning him **42** And as they went out, they besought that these words might be spoken to them the next **sabbath**.... **44** And the next **sabbath** almost the whole city was gathered together to hear the word of God.

Acts 15:21 For Moses from generations of old hath in every city them that preach him, being read in the synagogues every **sabbath**.

Acts 16:13 And on the **sabbath day** we went forth without the gate by a river side, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down, and spake unto the women that were come together.

Acts 17:2 and Paul, as his custom was, went in unto them, and for three **sabbath** days reasoned with them from the scriptures,

Acts 18:4 And he reasoned in the synagogue every **sabbath**, and persuaded Jews and Greeks.... **11** And he dwelt there a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

SABBATH BENEFITS

Hebrews 4:3 ... For we who have believed do enter into that rest; even as he hath said, although the works were finished from the foundation of the world. **4** For he hath said somewhere of the **seventh day** on this wise, And God rested on the **seventh day** from all his works... **6** Seeing therefore it remaineth that some should enter thereinto, and they to whom the good tidings were before preached failed to enter in because of disobedience, **7** To-day if ye shall hear his voice, Harden not your hearts. he again defineth a certain **day**, To-day, saying in David so long a time afterward (even as hath been said before), **8** For if Joshua had given them rest, he would not have spoken afterward of another **day**. **9** There remaineth therefore a **sabbath** rest for the people of God. **10** For he that is entered into his rest hath himself also rested from his works, as God did from his. **11** Let us therefore give diligence to enter into that rest, that no man fall after the same example of disobedience. More about the Sabbath in Hebrews 4 => <http://sidnash.org/docs/Hebrews4aboutSabbath.html>

WHY OBSERVE SABBATH FROM SUNSET TO SUNSET?

Genesis 1:5 And God called the light **Day**, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, one **day**.... **13** And there was evening and there was morning, a third **day**. **14** And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of heaven to divide the **day** from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days and years:

Leviticus 23:32(KJV) **It shall be unto you a sabbath of rest, and ye shall afflict your souls: in the ninth day of the month at even, from even unto even, shall ye celebrate your sabbath.**

Leviticus 23:32 (NLT) This will be a Sabbath day of complete rest for you, and on that day you must deny yourselves. **This day of rest will begin at sundown on the ninth day of the month and extend until sundown on the tenth day.**

Nehemiah 13:19 And it came to pass that, when the gates of Jerusalem began to be dark before the **sabbath**, I commanded that the doors should be shut, and commanded that they should not be opened till after the **sabbath**: and some of my servants set I over the gates, that there should no burden be brought in on the **sabbath day**.

Ezekiel 46:1 Thus saith the Lord **Jehovah**: The gate of the inner court that looketh toward the east shall be shut the six working days; but on the **sabbath day** it shall be opened, and on the **day** of the new moon it shall be opened. **2** And the prince shall enter by the way of the porch of the gate without, and shall stand by the post of the gate; and the priests shall prepare his burnt-offering and his peace-offerings, and he shall worship at the threshold of the gate: then he shall go forth; but the gate shall not be shut until the evening. **3** And the people of the land shall worship at the door of that gate before **Jehovah** on the sabbaths and on the new moons.

WHAT ABOUT SABBATH IN HEAVEN IN THE NEW EARTH?

Isaiah 66:22 For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith **Jehovah**, so shall your seed and your name remain. **23** And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one **sabbath** to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith **Jehovah**.