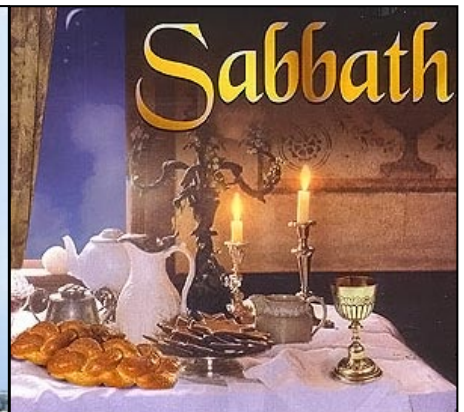


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Genesis Chapter 2:1-3

"Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made."

- I. "were finished"
 - a. What God begins, he is able to _____.
 - b. Nothing in all creation was unfinished. There was no need for _____ to finish was God began.
 - c. No _____ change has ever since been made in the course of the world; no new _____ of animals has ever been formed; no _____ of nature has ever been repealed or added to.

- II. "and all the host of them"
 - a. The word "host" is a _____ word
 - b. This word shows that the creatures of God in heaven and in earth are numerous and under God's _____
 - c. God uses his creation to _____ his people, and to _____ his enemies.

- III. "And God rested"
 - a. God did not need rest on the seventh day because He was _____. (Isa. 40:28)
 - b. God rested to show that his _____ work was done.
 - c. God rested to give a _____ to man regarding the structure of time (in seven-day weeks)
 - d. God rested to give an example of the _____ of rest to man

- IV. "and sanctified it"
 - a. The word "sanctified" means '_____'
 - b. By ceasing from his creative work on the seventh day, a peculiar _____ put upon it above the other six days



Note: Every other day of creation ended with the phrase, "so the evening and the morning were the _____ day," but this day does not have this phrase attached to it. God's rest was not confined to a single day. It is still available today!

Thoughts on the Sabbath Day

“Hemmed in by so many rules and regulations (and with the death penalty overhanging all), the Sabbath easily could have become a day of fear – a day when the people were more afraid of committing an offense than worshiping the Lord and enjoying a weekly rest. But the Sabbath was intended to be a blessing, not a burden. Above everything else, it was a weekly sign that the Lord loved his people and wanted to draw them into an ever-closer relationship with himself.”

1. God rested on the seventh day of creation (Genesis 2)
2. The next mention of the Sabbath is _____ later when God gave it to _____ (Ex. 16:22-30; 20:11). God made it known to Israel when they were in the Wilderness (Neh. 9:7-14)
3. The Sabbath was given by God to Israel:
 - a. He gave it as a _____ of God’s covenant with Israel (Ex 31:11-18, Ezek 20:12)
 - b. He gave it as a _____ of her deliverance out of Egypt (Deut 5:12-15)
 - c. He gave it as a _____ of which Christ is the substance (Col. 2:16-17)
4. The Sabbath was made for man. (Mark 2:27)
 - a. In reality, the day wasn’t so much a worship day as it was a _____ day. A day to relax and recuperate.
5. Note the requirements for Sabbath-keeping:
 - a. A person could not leave his _____ on the Sabbath (Exodus 16:29)
 - b. He could not build a _____ (Exodus 35:3)
 - c. He could not cause anyone else to _____ (Deuteronomy 5:14).
 - d. A person breaking the Sabbath law was to be put to _____ (Exodus 31:15; Numbers 15:32–35).
6. Sunday is NOT the Christian Sabbath
 - a. The Ten Commandments “written on stone” are “_____.” (II Cor. 3:7-11)
 - b. In the New Testament epistles there are only two references to the Sabbath (Col.2:14-17; Heb.4:4), both these passages the apostle Paul clearly explains that the day is _____ a required day to be observed by Christians.
 - c. See also Romans 14:5-6, Galatians 4:9-10



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"Darn — I forgot to ask Him if the Sabbath is Saturday or Sunday!"