

The Sabbath **Exodus 16:23-30**

Many believe Ten commandments established as God's universal law for mankind at creation & remain in effect today, until the world ends.

"The Sabbath was established by God on the very first seventh day, when all was new and perfect. In that week of creation the seventh day was made holy by God and set aside to honor Him as creator." (Letter to Jeff Hamilton 2/2/2000)

Consider keeping of the Sabbath

Definition Of "Sabbath"

Root Meaning: To Cease, Desist - "The idea is not that of relaxation or refreshment, but cessation from activity" (Vine) means rest

7676 shabbath - intensive from 7673; intermission, i.e (specifically) the Sabbath:--(+ every) sabbath. see HEBREW for 07673

7673 shabath shaw-bath' - a primitive root; to repose, ie desist from exertion; used in many implied relations (causative, figurative or specific):--(cause to, let, make to) cease, celebrate, cause (make) to fail, keep (sabbath), suffer to be lacking, leave, put away (down), (make to) rest, rid, still, take away. BDB Thayer's

Assigned To Seventh Day Of The Week - **Exodus 20:10; Deuteronomy 5:13-14**

The origin of the Sabbath

The Sabbath Was Not Given At Creation!

7th-day Adventists assert this, but without Biblical proof.

God rested on the 7th day of creation - Not man! - **Genesis 2:2**

Genesis > 2,000 years of history, no mention of observing day of rest.

God uses His day of rest from work of creation to illustrate the rest (Sabbath) He commanded Israel! - **Exodus 20:11**

Made known at Sinai - **Nehemiah 9:13-14**

First mention of the Sabbath day is in **Exodus 16:23-30**

Moses had to explain Sabbath and how to observe it

Next mention is **Exodus 20:8-11** as part of Ten Commandments

Beginning of long series of commands from **Exodus 20-23**

God spoke directly to Israel **Exodus 20:1**

They were written down by Moses in **Exodus 24:3-4**

Given to Nation Of Israel **Exodus 31:12-17; Deuteronomy 5:1-21**

To remember God's creation **Exodus 31:17**

Israelite slavery in Egypt **Deuteronomy 5:15**

Law for Israel, delivered to Israel, not even ancestors! **Deuteronomy 5:1-5**

Not To All Men (Gentiles) - **Ezekiel 20:9-12; Ephesians 2:11-12**

The end of the Sabbath

End Of Israel's Obligation To Law Of Moses **Exodus 31:13,16-17**

Throughout your generations, Period of Israel's history. **13**

Perpetual - Everlasting, always, continuance existence. **16**

Forever - Age-lasting. **17**

A "perpetual" & "forever" covenant is age-lasting in nature:

Levitical priesthood (sons of Aaron) - **Exodus 40:15**

Yet, that priesthood ended w/ changing of law - **Hebrews 7:11-12**

Law given at Sinai will end; replaced with different law - **Jeremiah 31:31-32**

The age of the OT law has ended - **Hebrews 8:13; 1:1-2**

We are not under the law from Mount Sinai - **Galatians 4:21-26,31**

Christians have died to the Law of Moses - **Romans 7:4**

Christ's death removed handwritten ordinances with special feasts, Sabbaths & new moon celebrations - old law! - **Colossians 2:13-14**

To live under the Law is to live under a curse - **Galatians 3:10**

You cannot pick and choose what you will follow - **James 2:10**

Sabbath Is Not Binding On Anyone Today

The Law Commanding It Is No Longer Binding - **Colossians 2:16-17**

Gospel assigns a different holy day for different reasons:

Church worshiped on First day of the week **Acts 20:6-7; 1Corinthians 16:2**

Not rest from labor, day of worship, spiritual work - **1Corinthians 14:26**

It was on this day that Jesus arose **Matthew 28, Mark 16, Luke 24, John 20**

The church was established on this day **Acts 2; Leviticus 23:16**

Sunday Is Not To Be Confused W/ The Sabbath Day - **Mark 16:1-2**

"For the first three centuries of the Christian era the first day of the week was never confounded with the sabbath; the confusion of the Jewish and Christian institutions was due to declension from apostolic teaching." (Vine)

Objections answered

Jesus kept the Sabbath – was also circumcised & kept Passover

The law changed at Jesus' death, not at his coming. - **Colossians 2:14**

We observe the other nine commandments

We do these things because of NT laws, not Ten Commandments.

*Lying **Ephesians 4:25**; Adultery **Hebrews 13:4**; Idol worship wrong **1Corinthians 10:7***

People observed Sabbath after Jesus' death **Matthew 24:20** (closing city gates)

People still observing Sabbath, doesn't authorize observance

Still Jews in AD 70 who did not accept teachings of Christ & apostles

Notable Sabbath day advocates today do not obey rules of keeping

They do not offer sacrifices, travel further that proscribed by God

Our Sabbath Remains

Now we work - Rest will come later! - **Hebrews 4:9-11**

Israel's Sabbath is Shadow of Heavenly Rest awaiting faithful!

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