


SEVENTH DAY - SABBATH OVERVIEW

<h2 style="text-align: center;">SEVENTH DAY</h2> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Ge.2:1-3</i></p> <p>MEANING</p> <p>The first seventh day was to PRODUCE GRATITUDE for the wonder of creation.</p> <p>The seventh day gives man the opportunity to thank God for creation.</p>	<h2 style="text-align: center;">MOSAIC SABBATH</h2> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Ex.20:8-11; 31:17; Du.5:12-15</i></p> <p>The institution of the Sabbath was to PRODUCE REPENTANCE for the forfeiture of all that is right.</p> <p>It is still a reminder that God created, but that creation is now marred. Thus, a loss of paradise and righteousness is implied.</p>	<h2 style="text-align: center;">CHRIST MINISTRY</h2> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Mt.12:1-8; Lk.14:1-6</i></p> <p>Jesus appears to have chosen the Sabbath day for His healing and other activity purposely to demonstrate something greater was needed.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">TRANSITION</p>	<h2 style="text-align: center;">LORD'S DAY</h2> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Cl.2:11-16; He.3:7-11</i></p> <p>The Mosaic system of rituals and sabbaths has been fulfilled in Christ (Ro.10:4). Thus, He brings eternal peace and rest in the New Covenant (Ro.5:1; He.7:22; 8:6, 13).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FULFILLED</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neither Adam, nor anyone in the book of Genesis kept the Sabbath which comes later as part of the Mosaic Law. • There is no mention of the word "Sabbath" here, or anywhere in Genesis. God rested, not man. There is no command for man to rest. • Every week we go through a cycle that is intended by God to remind us that He created the world in six days and then rested. • Before the Fall man was without sin and no depletion of his energies occurred while he tended the Garden. As a result of sin God said, "In toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life" (Ge.3:17). <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Reminds us of the beauty of God's creation</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Sabbath was officially instituted as part of the Law of Moses (Ex.20). • The Sabbath tells us to examine our lives against the law, seeing sin, and asking for forgiveness which results in salvation. • Every seventh day was a reminder that they were living in a fallen world. • God made a covenant with Moses with the <u>sign</u> of the Sabbath. This was unique for the people of <u>Israel only</u>. Signs anticipate something greater. "It is a sign between Me and the children of Israel forever" (Ex.31:17). • It was a sign and a symbol to lead the people to true rest and repentance. • Observing the Sabbath without a right heart gains nothing (Is.1:13; Ho.2:11). <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Reminds us of the sinfulness of our own hearts</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "The Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath" (Mt.12:8). As God incarnate, He decides the true meaning of the Sabbath because He created it, and He is our Sabbath rest bringing salvation. • "The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath" (Mk.2:27). Jesus was saying, the Sabbath rest was instituted to relieve man of his labors, just as He came to relieve us of our attempting to achieve salvation by our works. • The Sabbath was not to be a burden which men had to conform to. • Jesus came to embody the Law, and to fully accomplish all that was written (Mt.5:17). • The Sabbath is part of the Mosaic Law, which is a ministry of death and is passing away (2Co.3:7). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ceremonial observances are fully satisfied in Christ (He.10:1). • We have been given righteousness, and we rejoice, we rest, in that gift. • When you enter the rest of grace and faith, you ceased trying to earn your salvation. • The "rest" the NT writers are concerned about is <u>spiritual heart salvation</u> rest in Christ, not a <u>calendar Sabbath observance</u> (He.4:1-13). • Paul pulls together two signs that have been fulfilled in the New Covenant (Cl.2): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The sign of the Abrahamic covenant of circumcision (Cl.2:11). 2. The sign of the Mosaic covenant (Cl.2:16-17) of the Sabbath.


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