

The Sabbath

[Isa 14:12-13](#)

12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! 13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:

key: Satan trying to exhalt his throne above God's law

[Dan 7:25](#)

25 And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.

key: Satan will attack God's law

[Rev 14:12](#)

12 Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

key: God's people will be faithful to God's law

[Ex 20:8-11](#)

8 Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. 9 Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: 10 But the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: 11 For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

key: God as Creator

key: Sabbath is defined as the seventh day of the week

key: change in day of observance is because of the change (Dan 7:25) of the Antichrist

transition: God as Creator, Deliverer, Law Giver

[Ex 20:1-2](#)

1 And God spake all these words, saying, 2 I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

key: the God who led the children of Israel out of Egypt is the God who created everything is the God who gave the 10 commandments

key: God as Deliverer

[John 1:1-3, 14](#)

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 The same was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. 14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

key: Word = Jesus, Jesus is the Creator

[1 Cor 10:1-4, 7-9](#)

Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; 2 And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea; 3 And did all eat the same spiritual meat; 4 And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ. 7 Neither be ye idolaters, as were some of them; as it is written, The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play. 8 Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand. 9 Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents.

key: Jesus was with the children of Israel during the wanderings

[Gen 1:31 – 2:3](#)

31 And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day. 1 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. 2 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. 3 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.

concept: a parent's example more powerful than a parent's command

[Mark 2:27-28](#)

27 And he said unto them, The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath: 28 Therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath.

key: Sabbath was made for humanity

contrast: feast of the Jews

key: as Lord of the Sabbath, it is His prerogative to define appropriate behavior of the Sabbath

[Luke 4:16](#)

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

key: Jesus' habit was to participate in the worship in the synagogue

key: Jesus created the Sabbath (Gen), commanded it (Ex), participates in it (Luke)

concept: Sabbath is a mark of God's sovereignty in my life

[Luke 23:53-24:3](#)

53 And he took it down, and wrapped it in linen, and laid it in a sepulchre that was hewn in stone, wherein never man before was laid. 54 And that day was the preparation, and the sabbath drew on. 55 And the women also, which came with him from Galilee,

followed after, and beheld the sepulchre, and how his body was laid. 56 And they returned, and prepared spices and ointments; and rested the sabbath day according to the commandment. 1 Now upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain others with them. 2 And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre. 3 And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus.

key: if Jesus did away with the Sabbath, why is v56 included?

key: defines what day is the Sabbath

[Matt 24:20](#)

20 But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day:

key: Sabbath meant to be for fellowship, worship

key: Sabbath was still important to the early Christians

[Acts 13:14-16, 37-39, 42-44](#)

14 But when they departed from Perga, they came to Antioch in Pisidia, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and sat down. 15 And after the reading of the law and the prophets the rulers of the synagogue sent unto them, saying, Ye men and brethren, if ye have any word of exhortation for the people, say on. 16 Then Paul stood up, and beckoning with his hand said, Men of Israel, and ye that fear God, give audience. 37 But he, whom God raised again, saw no corruption. 38 Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: 39 And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses. 42 And when the Jews were gone out of the synagogue, the Gentiles besought that these words might be preached to them the next sabbath. 43 Now when the congregation was broken up, many of the Jews and religious proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas: who, speaking to them, persuaded them to continue in the grace of God. 44 And the next sabbath day came almost the whole city together to hear the word of God.

key: consistency of the Sabbath, Paul could have easily continued on Sunday

concept: if there ever was a time to introduce a new day of worship, this would have been it. Instead Sabbath preserved!!!

[Isa 66:22-23](#)

22 For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the Lord, 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 the Lord.

key: Sabbath continued in perpetuity!!!

key: of course there will be no change to the law

appeal: are we content with less than 100% of God's law written on our heart?

Objections

[Rev 1:10](#)

I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet,

key

key: [didache](#) – 96AD early evidence for possible Sunday

160AD – 200AD

concept: word meanings change especially in emerging communities. Example gay, queer

evidence: [Isa 58:13](#) "...my holy day..."

evidence: Ex 20:10

[1 Cor 16:1-3](#)

1 Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye. 2 Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come. 3 And when I come, whomsoever ye shall approve by your letters, them will I send to bring your liberality unto Jerusalem.

key: everyone to lay aside – individual work of denial throughout the week

key: early church did not take offerings on the Sabbath, Sunday set aside for the collection of money

[Rom 14:5-6](#)

5 One man esteemeth one day above another: another esteemeth every day alike. Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind. 6 He that regardeth the day, regardeth it unto the Lord; and he that regardeth not the day, to the Lord he doth not regard it. He that eateth, eateth to the Lord, for he giveth God thanks; and he that eateth not, to the Lord he eateth not, and giveth God thanks.

context: where does Sabbath occur – not present

key: feast (eating) vs. fast (not eating) day

[Acts 20:7](#)

7 And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight.

context: Gregorian v Biblical calendation

key: start Saturday night, Paul leaves Sunday

key: Paul is spending his last Sabbath with the church. Note Paul travels on Sunday.

[Col 2:16](#)

16 Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days:

key: [Ron du Preez Judging the Sabbath](#) – 94 times seventh-day Sabbath (85%), 17 times not seventh-day Sabbath (15%)

key: distinction between seventh-day Sabbath or any other Sabbath based on syntax or linguistic markers

OT markers [words: keep, the, day, holy, my, concepts: cyclical, context] denote seventh-day Sabbath

OT markers [words: afflict, weeks, of the land, her/it's, your, concept: context] do NOT denote the seventh-day Sabbath

NT markers [words: the, day, synagogue, concepts: cyclical, context] denotes seventh-day Sabbath

NT markers [words: one, first, twice, concept: context] do NOT denote seventh-day Sabbath

key: take argument outside of the realm of opinion and base opinion on other anchors including linguistic markers

conclusion: Col 2:16 unique use of the word "Sabbath" in the NT

key: feasts + new moons + Sabbaths – only grouping of the three separate concepts in the same verse

[Hos 2:11](#)

11 I will also cause all her mirth to cease, her feast days, her new moons, and her sabbaths, and all her solemn feasts.

pilgrimage: first fruits

[Lev 23:23-24, 32](#)

23 And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, 24 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, In the seventh month, in the first day of the month, shall ye have a sabbath, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, an holy convocation. 32 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.

feast: Passover, New Moons, First Fruits, Day of Atonement, Feast of Tabernacles

[Col 2:16-17](#)

16 Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days: 17 Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ.

key: prefigures the ministry of Jesus

concept: type meets antitype with Jesus

concept: Sabbath made for mankind, feasts made for the Jews

[Heb 4](#)

Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it. 2 For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it. 3 For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world. 4 For he spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works. 5 And in this place again, If they shall enter into my rest. 6 Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief: 7 Again, he limiteth a certain day, saying in David, To day, after so long a time; as it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts. 8 For if Jesus had given them rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day. 9 There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. 10 For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his. 11 Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief. 12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. 13 Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do. 14 Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. 15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

key: rest of salvation has been available since the creation of the world

key: rest of the sabbath has been available since the creation of the world

key: rest of salvation happens through Jesus