

GOD'S HOLY SABBATH DAY, part 2 quotes

1) Anciently the day of worship became a sign or a mark between the followers of God and the followers of other gods, and this fact continues to this day.

“Moreover also I gave them **my sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them**, that they might know that I [am] the LORD that sanctify them....And hallow my sabbaths; and they shall be **a sign between me and you**, that ye may know that I [am] the LORD your God.” Ezekiel 20:12, 20.

2) Another major reason people use against keeping God's seventh-day Sabbath day holy is:

The claim that no one really knows when the original seventh day of the week falls on today. This means that each person is free to decide for themselves which day of the week they will keep sacred to God as His Sabbath, and Sunday is as good as any other day to keep.

There has been no time lost since creation took place all the way up to the present time. The same seven day weekly cycle established at creation is the same seven day weekly cycle we continue to observe today, even though the names of the days of the week have been changed depending on the calendar used!

“Some of these (the Jews and also many Christians) accept the week as of divine institution, with which it is unlawful to tamper; others, without these scruples, still feel that it is useful to maintain a time-unit that, unlike all others, has proceeded in an absolutely invariable manner since what may be called the dawn of history.” Nature, article titled Our Astronomical Column, London, #127, June 6, 1931, p 869.

“By calculating the eclipses, it can be proven that no time has been lost and that the creation days were seven, divided into twenty-four hours each.” Dr. Frank Edgar Hinkley, The Watchman Magazine, July, 1926 (Dr. Hinkley was a well-known astronomer at the Harvard Observatory).

“In spite of all of our dickerings with the Calendar, it is patent that the human race never lost the Septenary [seven-day] sequence of Week days and that the Sabbath of these latter times comes down to us from Adam, through the ages, without a single lapse.” Joshua's Long Day and the Dial of Ahaz, Part 1 - Discussion, The Week Unbroken, p 78-79, by Dr. Charles Adiel Lewis Totten, published by The Our Race Publishing Company, New Haven, Connecticut, 1890 (Dr Totten was Professor of Military Science, Yale University).

When the calendar was changed from the Julian to the Gregorian, it was discovered that the Julian calendar was off 10 days from the actual solar year. But the same weekly seven day cycle was not altered even though 10 days were added to the Gregorian calendar. Thursday, October 4, 1582 in the Julian calendar, was immediately followed by Friday, October 15, 1582 in the Gregorian calendar. This meant that the same weekly cycle from Sunday to Saturday was not altered, and its ancient continuity was retained!

“It is to be noted that in the Christian period, the order of days in the week has never been interrupted. Thus, when Gregory XIII reformed the calendar in 1582, Thursday, 4 October was followed by Friday, 15 October. So in England, in 1752, Wednesday, 2 September, was followed by Thursday, 14 September.” Catholic Encyclopedia, under Chronology, Volume 3, p 740.

“There has been no change in our calendar in past centuries that has affected in any way the cycle of the week.” James Robertson, personal letter, dated March 12, 1932 (Dr. Robertson was Director of the American Ephemeris, Navy Department, U.S. Naval Observatory, Washington, D.C.).

“...the continuity of the week, which is without a doubt the most ancient scientific institution bequeathed to us by antiquity.” M. Edouard Baillaud, in Report on the Reform of the Calendar, p 52, Document produced for the League of Nations, published August 17, 1926, at Geneva (Mr Baillaud was Director of the Paris Observatory).

“...the division of the week which has been followed for thousands of years, and therefore has been hallowed by immemorial use.” Professor M. Anders Donner, in Report on the Reform of the Calendar, p 51, Document produced for the League of Nations, published August 17, 1926, at Geneva (Professor Donner had been a Professor of Astronomy at the University of Helsingfors, Finland).

3) When Christ was on this earth, He declared Himself to be the “Lord even of the Sabbath day” (Matthew 12:8). As the Lord God of the Sabbath day, Jesus definitely knew on which day of the week the Sabbath day of creation occurred on and therefore which day of the week to keep as the holy worship day to God. And the Bible clearly records in Mark 1:21, 6:2 and Luke 4:16, 31, 6:6, 13:10, that Jesus kept the Sabbath day on the seventh day of the week!

But since we use a different calendar today than what Christ used, then which day of the week in our modern calendar does this same seventh day Sabbath fall upon?

The Bible records that Christ was crucified on the sixth day of the week, or the preparation day, which was the day before the Sabbath was to occur.

“And now when the even [sunset] was come, because it was the preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathaea, an honourable counsellor, which also waited for the kingdom of God, came, and went in boldly unto Pilate, and craved the body of Jesus....And he bought fine linen, and took him down, and wrapped him in the linen, and laid him in a sepulchre which was hewn out of a rock, and rolled a stone unto the door of the sepulchre.” Mark 15:42-43, 46.

“And that day was the preparation, and the sabbath drew on.” Luke 23:54.

“The Jews therefore, because it was the preparation, that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the sabbath day, (for that sabbath day was an high day,) besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away....Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden; and in the garden a new sepulchre, wherein was never man yet laid. There laid they Jesus therefore because of the Jews' preparation day; for the sepulchre was nigh at hand.” John 19:31, 41-42.

We can clearly see that the Bible reveals that Christ was crucified on the sixth day of the week, or the preparation day, which was the day before the Sabbath was to occur.

The Bible then records that Jesus was resurrected on the first day of the week, which was the day after the Sabbath had passed.

“In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre. And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow: And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men. And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.” Matthew 28:1-6.

“And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him. And very early in the morning the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun....Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils.” Mark 16:1-2, 9.

“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.” Luke 24:1.

“The first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre.” John 20:1.

We can clearly see that the Bible reveals that Christ was resurrected on the first day of the week, which was the day after the Sabbath had passed and was over. It is plain knowledge that Christ arose from the tomb early on Sunday morning — which many refer to as Easter (see Acts 12:4).

As Christ arose on the day we call Sunday today, this day corresponds to the first day of the week anciently — or the day after the Sabbath had passed. Then the day we call Saturday in our modern calendar corresponds to the seventh day of the week anciently — which was the entire day Christ rested in the tomb. The day we call Friday in our modern calendar corresponds to the sixth day of the week anciently — or the preparation day before the Sabbath occurs! This clearly reveals that the seventh day Sabbath of God today is Saturday — the day after Friday, and the day before Sunday!

4) God's Sabbath was established in Eden before sin had entered the world as the seventh day of creation week (see Genesis 2:2-3). God re-established the same seventh day Sabbath after sin had entered the world for all His chosen people to observe and worship Him on — some 2500 years later (see Exodus 16:4-31, 20:8-11). The very same seventh day Sabbath was observed by Christ and His disciples — some 1500 years afterwards. The very same seventh day Sabbath was still to be observed by all of God's people some 33 years after the death of Christ in the New Covenant period!

"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....There remaineth therefore a rest (the keeping of the Sabbath) to the people of God." Hebrews 4:4, 9.

This very same seventh day Sabbath will continue to be observed after Christ comes again, when sin is forever removed from God's universe and then the earth is made new!

“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. And it shall come to pass, that...from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD.” Isaiah 66:22-23.

The Sabbath is a memorial of creation, and thus it will forever point directly to God as our Creator! You can no more change this seventh day Sabbath to another day of the week than you can change the day of your birth to another day! Thus the seventh day or Saturday will always remain the holy Sabbath day to worship God on throughout eternity!