

THE INSTITUTION OF THE SABBATH

1. For whom was the Sabbath made? Mark 2:27, 28.

2. When was the Sabbath made? Gen. 2:2, 3.

3. Was the Sabbath known and observed before the giving of the law on Sinai? Ex. 16:4, 5, 23-30.
Note 2.

4. Of what is it a memorial? Ps. 111:4. The Jewish translation of this text, by Rabbi Leeser, reads: "He hath made a memorial for His wonderful works."

5. Through whom were all things created? Col. 1:16; Heb. 1:1, 2; John 1:1-3.

6. Since Christ-was the agent in creation, who rested, blessed, and sanctified the seventh day?
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7. What steps were necessary to make the seventh day the Sabbath? Do these reasons still exist? Will they remain facts forever? Then how long will the seventh remain the Lord's holy rest day?

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8. What commandment enjoining the observance of the Sabbath was spoken from Sinai? Which day is the Sabbath? What reason is given for its observance? Ex. 20:8-11.

9. Who spoke this precept from the mount? Neh. 9:11-14. See Lesson 8.

10. Of what is the Sabbath a sign? Eze. 20:12, 20.

11. If God's people had been faithful in observing the Sabbath, how long would Jerusalem have stood? Jer. 17:24, 25. How long then did the Lord intend that the Sabbath should be kept?

12. How long will it continue to be a sign between God and His people? Ex. 31:16, 17.

13. Will the holy Sabbath be kept in the new earth? Isa. 66:22, 23. Note 3.

NOTES

1. Christ, being the Creator, He, of course, made the Sabbath, and gave it to man as a sign of His power. He is truly its Lord. Note that He blessed and sanctified the seventh day after He had rested. The first seventh day had then passed into eternity, so it could not have been this that the Lord commanded

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us to observe, but it was the seventh day for all time to come that He placed His blessing upon, and bade us keep holy in memory of Him.

2. The fact that the weekly cycle was known before Sinai (Gen. 8:10, 12; 29:27, 28) is clear evidence of the observance of the Sabbath, as there is nothing in nature which indicates a weekly cycle.

3. The Sabbath was instituted in Eden, before the footprint of sin was seen in the universe. Like the marriage institution, it comes to us as a relic from the home of purity of the father of the race. When the curse is removed, and the earth is made new, the redeemed will observe the Sabbath throughout eternity in honor of their Redeemer.