



## **Genesis 2:1-3 – God's Rest – Part 1 of 2**

### **The Seventh Day of Creation**

- God **CEASED** from His creative work. (vs. 2)
- God **BLESSED** the day. – He made it spiritually fruitful. (vs. 3)
- God declared the day **HOLY**. (vs. 3)

### **The Sabbath of the Old Testament** (Ex. 16:22-30; Deut. 5:12-15; Ex. 31:12-17)

- It was observed on the **SEVENTH** day because of creation.  
(Ex. 20:11)
- It was a day of **REST** – no **NORMAL** work was to be done.  
(Ex. 16:29-30; 31:15; Deut. 5:13-14)
- It was a day of **REFLECTION** on God as both:
  - o **Creator** (Ex. 20:11; 31:17)
  - o **Redeemer** (Deut. 5:15)
- It was a day of **WORSHIP** – both public and private (Lev. 23:3)
- It was a reminder that Israel was God's **CHOSEN** people.  
(Ex. 31:12-13, 16-17)
- Breaking of the Sabbath was punishable by **DEATH**. (Ex. 31:15)

Next Week:

Read Ahead:

Food for Thought:

The Sabbath in the New Testament & God's "Rest".  
Hebrews Chapter 3 & 4

What is God's "rest"? Why do we worship on Sunday?

"God's rest was one of deep pleasure and satisfaction at the fruit of His labor."  
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The Hebrew Sabbath

(7673, verb) Shabath (tb#, shaw-bath')

- A root word.
- to cease or to rest; to keep the Sabbath
- Used 71 times in the KJV
- Translated: cease, celebrate, rest.
- Genesis 2:2 – "...and He *rested* on the seventh day from all His work.."
- Genesis 8:22 – "...and day and night shall not *cease*..."

(7676, noun) Shabbath (tbb#, shab-bawth')

- Its root is 7673.
- Sabbath, day of atonement, Sabbath year
- Used 108 times in the KJV
- Translated: sabbath.
- Exodus 20:8 – "Remember the *Sabbath* day, to keep it holy."

(7677, masculine noun) Shabbathown (awtbb#, shab-baw-thone')

- Its root is 7676
- Sabbath observance.
- Used 22 times in the KJV.
- Translated: rest, sabbath.
- Exodus 16:23 – "...Tomorrow is a day of *solemn rest*, a holy Sabbath..."

All three forms of the word are used together in Leviticus 23:32 -

"It shall be to you a **Sabbath** (7676) of **solemn rest** (7677), and you shall afflict yourselves. On the ninth day of the month beginning at evening, from evening to evening shall you **keep** (7673 – celebrate in KJV) your **Sabbath** (7676)."

28 Q How are we made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ?

A We are made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ, by the effectual application of it to us (John 1:12) by his Holy Spirit (Tit 3:5,6).