

Sabbath in Scripture

What does Sabbath mean:-

Day of worship and rest (Collins dictionary)

Strongs H7676 *Shab-bawth*

Exodus 20:8 *Remember" the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.*

(KJV+) Remember H2142 the (H853) sabbath H7676 day, H3117 to keep it holy. H6942

H7676 (Strong)

שַׁבָּת

shabbâth

shab-bawth'

Intensive from H7673; intermission, that is, (specifically) **the Sabbath**: - (+ every) sabbath.

Total KJV occurrences: 111

Whilst many groups particularly in Messianic circles claim various meanings for Sabbath we can be sure of its original meaning as in Exodus 20:8, **the Seventh Day**.

When is Sabbath

Genesis 2:2-3 *And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. (3) Then **God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, (Saturday) because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.***

Sabbath is Saturday, the seventh day.

How did Sabbath get changed?

Man changed it from Saturday to Sunday.

There are many well researched articles on the history of Sabbath change.

Below is one of them.

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<https://www.ucg.org/beyond-today/sabbath>

Do We Have to Keep all of the Ten Commandments or Only 9?

It is a common church practice today to keep 9 commands, not killing, stealing, coveting etc but neglecting the 4th commandment. But what does the word say.

Jesus/Yeshua said:-

If you love me keep my commandments.

John 14:15 *"If you love Me, keep My commandments.*

Where are the Commandments found?

They are found In the Torah:-

Exodus 20:3-17 *"You shall have no other gods before Me.*

(4) *"You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth;*

(5) *you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me,*

(6) *but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.*

(7) *"You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.*

(8) *"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.*

(9) *Six days you shall labor and do all your work,*

(10) *but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates.*

(11) *For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.*

(12) *"Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you.*

(13) *"You shall not murder.*

(14) *"You shall not commit adultery.*

(15) *"You shall not steal.*

(16) *"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.*

(17) *"You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor's."*

The Sabbath has been set apart (sanctified) by Yahweh God at creation.

What did God intend the Torah for?

Yahweh God gave It for instruction, which is also its meaning.

Exodus 24:12 *Now the LORD said to Moses, "Come up to Me on the mountain and remain there, and I will give you the stone tablets with the law and the commandment which I have written for their **instruction**."*

torah (435d); from H3384; direction, instruction, law: — custom (1), **instruction** (10), **instructions** (1), Law (1), law (188), laws (10), ruling (1), teaching (7), teachings (1).

Today's church has often been referred to as lawless.

As she has deleted the remaining instructions of Torah she has become lacking in instruction. Is this editing God's word?

We saw this happening with the fourth commandment, Sabbath.

This could also explain why branches of the church have become secular. It is the Law (instructions) that convict of sin.

Romans 3:20*for through the Law comes the knowledge of sin.*

What did God tell Isaiah about Sabbath

Isaiah 58:13 *"If you turn away your foot from the Sabbath, From doing your pleasure on My holy day, And call the Sabbath a delight, The holy day of the LORD honorable, And shall honor Him, not doing your own ways, Nor finding your own pleasure, Nor speaking your own words,*

God gives us six days to do all our work.

The Sabbath is not ours, it is His, and the day he **renews** and **refreshes** us after our 6 day week.

Exodus 23:12 *Six days you shall do your work, and on the seventh day you shall rest, that your ox and your donkey may rest, and the son of your female servant and the stranger may be **refreshed**.*

Did Jesus/Yeshua Say We are Not Under Law?

Matthew 5:18 *"For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass from the Law until all is accomplished*

Many in the church today quote Paul as saying the remaining Law is done away with.

This contradicts Jesus teaching.

How could Paul contradict the Living Word, Yeshua.

To say we are not under the Law is to say we are not under instruction. May it never be.

We need to guard against any false teaching that has Paul contradicting the teaching of Jesus.

What Did Jesus say about those who teach we are not under Law (instruction) but Grace.

Matthew 5:19 *Whoever **therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.***

Teachers who teach the Commandments will be called great in the Kingdom of heaven.

Teachers who break the least of the Commandments and teach men so shall be called least in the Kingdom of heaven.

As the time of the end draws nearer we need discernment like never before to align what we are being taught with the Word.

It is a valid question to ask, are we under teachers who are least in the Kingdom, or teachers who are great in the Kingdom of God?

The strong anti Torah spirit that is in the church when aligned with Christ's Words in Matthew 5:19 show those maintaining anti Torah teachings are least in the Kingdom.

The Torah will go forth from Jerusalem

Isaiah 2:3 *Many people shall come and say, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, To the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, And we shall walk in His paths." **For out of Zion shall go forth the law, And the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.***

These end time scriptures tell us the Law (Torah, instructions) will go forth from Zion (Jerusalem)

Revelation 20:4 *And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. **And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.***

These two scriptures give us a picture of end time events.

The overcoming saints rule with Messiah from Jerusalem as the Law goes forth.

It is sad that the Torahless church does not want to be part of these end time events. She has obsoleted Torah. She will not be able to rule with Messiah without Torah as so much of the church rule their congregations today.

2Timothy 3:16 *All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.*

Most of us would agree that all scripture is given for instruction etc as Timothy teaches us.

The early church only had Old Testament scriptures.

They are the foundation from which all other scriptures are built and understood.

Problems arise when scripture is taught without its foundation.

As teachers or believers it behoves us to pay more than lip service to Timothy's words.

All scripture, including the wonderful depth of the Torah instructions showing us how to live the best life with our King and Bridegroom.

If you are in a church misteaching the writings of Jesus and Paul concerning Law and Grace please pray about placing yourself somewhere where the whole word is treasured and taught.

It is inconsistent to say we keep the commandments and then delete the fourth, Sabbath.

We would never kill or steal so why single out Sabbath.

The old adage says 'Old habits die hard' May it never be so with Sabbath which has entrenched itself as Sunday.

Contrary to God's Ten Commandments and His Word.

Man cannot change days and times Yahweh God has set apart and sanctified.

It is not an easy thing to align ourselves with the truth of the word and His commands if our churches are walking in error.

However the rewards are great as we will be loved by the Father and the Son and Jesus will manifest Himself to us.

We will also be readying ourselves as His Bride for our soon coming King.

John 14:21 **He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him."**

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