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“Set it apart to a holy use!”

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Genesis 2:1-3

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“Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the Everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary?..”

Isaiah 40:28

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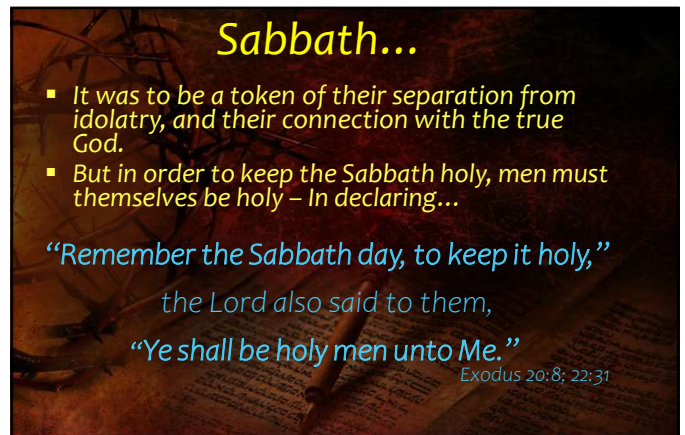
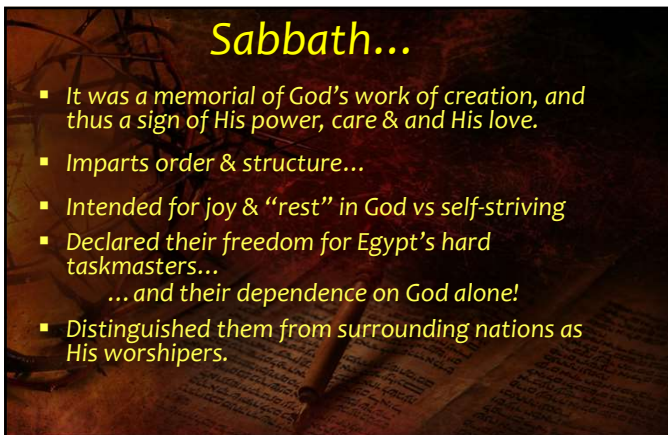
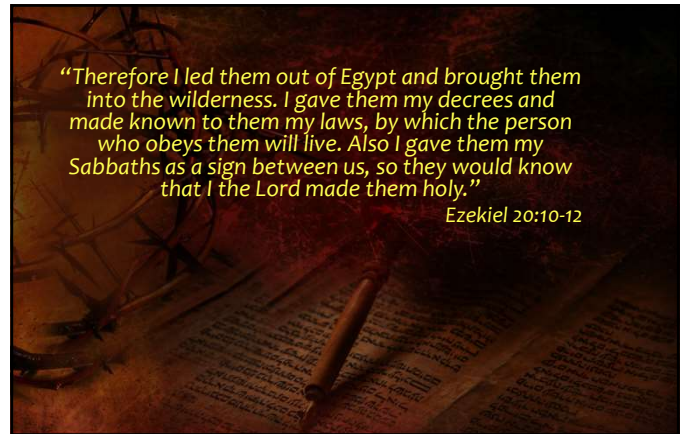
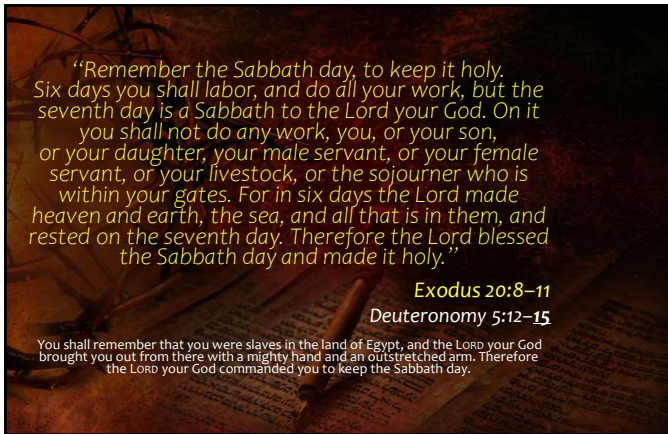
Strong's Hebrew 7673 - *sabat*

to cease, desist, rest (from labour)
to cause to cease, put an end to
to exterminate, destroy
to remove
to cause to fall

Cease... desist...

A deliberate choice to “end” or
cease activity

Sabbath was sanctified
at creation.
But it was also given as a
gift to Israel at Sinai!



The Jewish teachers prided themselves on their knowledge of the Scriptures, and in Jesus' answer there was an implied rebuke!

Mark 2:25-26

He answered, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need? In the days of Abiathar the high priest, he entered the house of God and ate the consecrated bread, which is lawful only for priests to eat. And he also gave some to his companions."

David went to Nob, to Ahimelek the priest. Ahimelek trembled when he met him, and asked, "Why are you alone? Why is no one with you?"


David answered Ahimelek the priest, "The king sent me on a mission and said to me, 'No one is to know anything about the mission I am sending you on.' As for my men, I have told them to meet me at a certain place. Now then, what do you have on hand? I have five loaves of bread, but whatever I can find."

1 Samuel 21:1-6

But the priest answered David, "I don't have any ordinary bread on hand; however, there is some consecrated bread here—provided the men have kept themselves from women."

David replied, "Indeed women have been kept from us, as usual whenever I set out. The men's bodies are holy even on missions that are not holy. How much more so today!" So the priest gave him the consecrated bread, since there was no bread there except the bread of the Presence that had been removed from before the Lord and replaced by hot bread on the day it was taken away.

Leviticus 24:5-9



"Take the finest flour and bake twelve loaves of bread, using two-tenths of an ephah for each loaf. Arrange them in two stacks, six in each stack, on the table of pure gold before the Lord. By each stack put some pure incense as a memorial portion to represent the bread and to be a food offering presented to the Lord. This bread is to be set out before the Lord regularly, Sabbath after Sabbath, on behalf of the Israelites, as a lasting covenant. It belongs to Aaron and his sons, who are to eat it in the sanctuary area, because it is a most holy part of their perpetual share of the food offerings presented to the Lord."

Saul

- First king of Israel
- Head & shoulders above others
- Failed!

"But now, your kingdom shall not endure!"
1 Samuel 13:14



KINGDOMS IN CONFLICT

David

"And when he had removed (Saul), he raised up David to be their king, of whom he testified and said, 'I have found in David the son of Jesse a man after my heart, who will do all my will.'"
Acts 13:22

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KINGDOMS IN CONFLICT

David

- A man after God's heart
- ... who will do all God's will
- Anointed as the new king
- Enters into a friendship covenant with Saul's son Jonathan

Hatred!

Blame Shifting!

Jealousy!

Suspicion!


Saul



KINGDOMS IN CONFLICT


David

"But the chant of the people displeased Saul; and he said, 'They have given David credit for slaying ten thousands, but to me they have given credit for only thousands! Now what more can he have but the kingdom?' And Saul eyed David with suspicion from that day on!"
1 Samuel 18:8-9

Saul  **David**
KINGDOMS IN CONFLICT

"Saul was sitting at Gibeah under the tamarisk tree on the height with his spear in his hand, and all his servants were standing about him. And Saul said to his servants who stood about him, 'Hear now, people of Benjamin... all of you have conspired against me... No one discloses to me when my son makes a covenant with the son of Jesse..."

1 Samuel 18:8

Saul  **David**
KINGDOMS IN CONFLICT

"...For as long as the son of Jesse lives on the earth, neither you nor your kingdom shall be established. Therefore send and bring him to me, for he shall surely die."

1 Samuel 20:42

Saul  **David**
Flesh! **KINGDOMS IN CONFLICT** **Spirit!**
 (Pharisees) (Jesus)

"... They tie up heavy, cumbersome loads and put them on other people's shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to lift a finger to move them."

Matthew 23:4

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

Matthew 11:28

"Then Jesus declared, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. Therefore, the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath."

Mark 2:27

"I am the Lord!"

Mark 3:1-6

Another time Jesus went into the synagogue, and a man with a shriveled hand was there...

"Religious observations" and legalism do not impart life!

"I came so that they could have life – indeed, that they could live life to the fullest!"

John 10:10

Mark 3:1-6

Another time Jesus went into the synagogue, and a man with a shriveled hand was there...

Some of them were looking for a reason to accuse Jesus, so they watched him closely to see if he would heal him on the Sabbath. Jesus said to the man with the shriveled hand, **"Stand up in front of everyone."**

*Do not think that
I came to destroy the
LAW or the PROPHETS.
I did not come to destroy
but to fulfill.*

-MATTHEW 5:17-

Mark 3:1-6

"Then Jesus asked them, 'Which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?' But they remained silent!"

But they remained silent!

So much for being "teachers of the Law!"
When invited to give their input, they had none to offer!

Mark 3:1-6

"He looked around at them in anger and, deeply distressed at their stubborn hearts, said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was completely restored.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

Matthew 11:28

There remains therefore a

Sabbath Rest

for the people of God.
For he who has entered His rest
has himself also ceased from his works
as God did from His.

Hebrews 4:9-10

Mark 3:6

Then the Pharisees went out and began to plot with the Herodians how they might kill Jesus."

**KINGDOMS
IN CONFLICT**