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(NASB)



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shabat (שַׁבַּת) = “to cease from”: -Genesis 2

God ceases from his work
because “it is finished” (Gen 2:1).



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“The role of the temple in ancient Israel was not only a place where people gathered for worship. It is first and foremost a place for the deity—a sacred space. It is God’s home, but more importantly, his headquarters—the control room. When the deity rests in his temple, it means that he is taking command, that he is mounting his throne to assume his rightful place and his proper role...



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...So, what did God do on the eighth day? In this view, on the eighth day, and every day since then, he is in the control room from where he runs the cosmos that he set up. This is the ongoing work of creation. If one thinks of Genesis 1 as an account of material origins, God's creating is an action in the past that is now over and done with. God made the physical universe and now the cosmos exists. But viewing Genesis 1 as an ancient account of the cosmos' functional origins offers a more faithful account to the scriptural depiction of God's creational "rest" as ongoing."



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it	and-he-sanctified	The-seventh	day	the	God	and-he-blessed



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1 The LORD said to Moses, 2 “Speak to the Israelites and say to them: ‘These are my **appointed festivals**, the **appointed festivals** of the LORD, which you are to proclaim as sacred assemblies.

3 “There are six days when you may work, but the seventh day is a day of sabbath rest, a day of sacred assembly. You are not to do any work; wherever you live, it is a sabbath to the LORD.”



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Leviticus 23

14 And God said, “Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark **sacred times**, and days and years,



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Genesis 1



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7	Tabernacles	7th month 7/15-7/21	7 days	no work on 1st and 7th day	Provision in the midst of the wilderness



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“The Sabbath is that point in time where God and man meet. On the seventh day of creation, God joined himself and his eternal presence to his temporal creation, to the world of man. On the Sabbath day, man not only recalls but participates in an act of cosmic creation...he experiences the original structuring of time within the microcosm of his own life...



**-BERNARD OCH, “*CREATION AND REDEMPTION:
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...The observance of the Sabbath links humanity to a divinely ordained future, as well as a divinely created past. Sabbath observance has cosmic implications... a foretaste of an eschatological future...a prefiguration of the final phase of the divine/human reconciliation. In pointing back to the beginning, the Sabbath also points to what is yet to be, to the final destiny to which all creation is moving.”



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25 At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. 26 Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

27 "All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.



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Matthew 11

28 “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”



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