

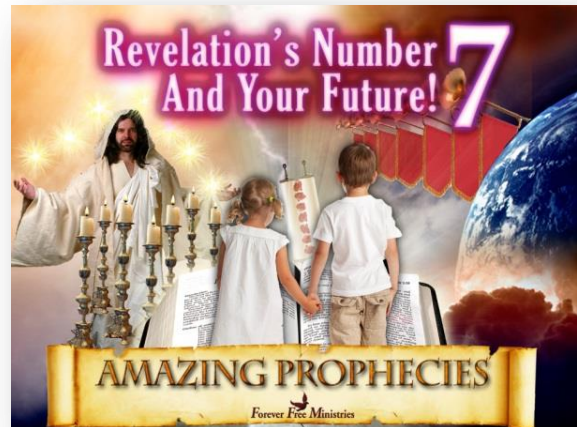
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REVELATION'S NUMBER SEVEN & YOUR FUTURE

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Bible Study Text Guide

1. **Genesis 1:1-31** – God created the world in six literal 24 hour days. The creation account describes what God created in each of the successive days of the week. The weekly cycle is from God. Our whole lives revolve around the weekly cycle. The first six days of the week build up to the seventh day in which God rested.
2. **Genesis 2:1-3** – God blessed, sanctified, and rested upon the Seventh day. The word Sabbath means rest. Therefore the Seventh Day is the day of rest or the Sabbath day. God's special number throughout the Bible is seven.
3. **Exodus 16:14-31** – God rained down manna on the ground on every day except the Seventh day for 40 years. God was confirming the sacredness of the Seventh day. The children of Israel were to gather twice as much manna on the sixth day so that they had enough on the Seventh day to eat.
4. **Exodus 20:6** -- In the second commandment God says, "love Me and keep My commandments."
5. **Exodus 20:8-11** – The fourth commandment : "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy" How? By not working on the Seventh day. Why? Because God created the world in six days and then rested on the seventh day from all His work. The Ten Commandments are for both Jews and Gentiles. Most Christians have no question about 9/10 of the Ten Commandments. This is the one that begins with the word "Remember" because God did not want us to forget to keep the Sabbath holy by not working on it.
6. **Exodus 20:20** – God tests our love and obedience by giving us the Ten Commandments.
7. **Exodus 31:16-18** – Keeping the Sabbath brings us refreshment. The Sabbath is a special sign of love between God and His people.
8. **Deuteronomy 5:4-22** – Keep the Ten Commandments because God has delivered you from slavery. Application: We have been delivered from the slavery of sin so we can lovingly obey God's Ten Commandments.
9. **Nehemiah 13:15-19** -- From sunset on the sixth day to sunset on the Seventh day Sabbath keepers are to refrain from buying and selling on the Sabbath.
10. **Isaiah 56:2,6,7** – God promises to make His people joyful in His house of prayer on the Sabbath.
11. **Isaiah 58:13,14** – We are to cease trampling on the Sabbath by refraining from secular pursuits and pleasures on God's holy day.
12. **Isaiah 66:22,23** – Even in the earth made new, the saints will continue to come together to worship God on the Sabbath.



13. **Jeremiah 17:27** – Jerusalem was destroyed because God’s people were buying and selling on the Sabbath day and thus breaking the Ten Commandments.
14. **Ezekiel 20:12,20** – The Sabbath is a sign, a reminder of Christ’s power to save us from sin, to make us holy, to sanctify us.
15. **Matthew 5:17-19** – Jesus did not come to abolish the Law of God. Jesus wants us to teach and obey all the commandments of God.
16. **Matthew 12:1-12** – Jesus healed on the Sabbath to show it is appropriate to do good, to relieve suffering on the Sabbath day, hospitals and nursing homes are a good example. Jesus was falsely accused of breaking the Sabbath because He did not keep the rules and regulations of the Rabbi’s that were added to the Sabbath commandment. Jesus did not observe these man-made rules, but He did keep the Seventh day Sabbath holy as our example. (See John 15:10) Jesus is Lord of the Sabbath therefore the Sabbath is the Lord’s Day.
17. **Matthew 24:15** – Jesus told the disciples to pray about keeping the Sabbath holy even when the city would face a crisis in AD 70 when the Roman General Titus came down to destroy Jerusalem.
18. **Matthew 28:1** – Jesus was resurrected after the Sabbath. The Bible just calls the day of the Resurrection the first day of the week.
19. **Mark 2:27,28** -- Jesus said “The Sabbath was made for man.” Both Jews and Gentiles.
20. **Luke 4:16** – Jesus habit was to go to church on the Sabbath day. Jesus knew which day was the true Sabbath day and the Jews continue to keep this same day.
21. **Luke 13:10-17** – Jesus healed a woman with some type of infirmity on the Sabbath day.
22. **Luke 23:54-56; 24:1** – Jesus died on the preparation day. Jesus rested in the tomb on the Sabbath day. Jesus was resurrected on the first day of the week.
23. **John 5:16-18** – Jesus healed a paralyzed man on the Sabbath and He said that this kind of working is appropriate on the Sabbath day.
24. **John 9:14-16** – Jesus healed a blind man on the Sabbath day and was accused of breaking the Sabbath. But Jesus was not breaking the Sabbath by healing people on that day.
25. **John 14:15** – Jesus says, “If you love Me, keep My commandments.”
26. **Acts 13:42-44** – Paul preached to the Jews and Gentiles on the Sabbath day at Church.
27. **Acts 16:13** – The New Testament believers would meet together on the Sabbath day even if there was not a church to go to.
28. **Acts 17:2** – Paul’s habit was like Jesus, He went to church on the Sabbath day.
29. **Acts 18:4** – Paul went to church on the Sabbath day.
30. **Romans 3:31** – True faith leads us to keep the Law of God.
31. **Hebrews 4:4,9,10** – Believers are to continue to keep the Sabbath which symbolizes our rest in Christ.
32. **James 2:10-12** – If we break one commandment we break them all.
33. **1 John 2:3,4** – True love to God will lead us to keep all of His commandments.
34. **1 John 5:2,3** – Keeping the commandments of God is not a burden for those who love God.
35. **Revelation 1:10** – John said, “I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s Day.”
36. **Revelation 11:19** – In the last days, Jesus is standing by His Ten Commandments and His Ark of the Covenant in the Temple in Heaven interceding for us.
37. **Revelation 12:17** -- The Remnant Church in the last days are identified as those “who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.”
38. **Revelation 14:12** -- The saints in the last days keep all of the Ten Commandments.
39. **Revelation 22:14** – “Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city.”

Appeal: Let us be among those described in Revelation 14:12. If we love Jesus we will keep all of His commandments. See John 14:15. Why not go to church this coming Sabbath?

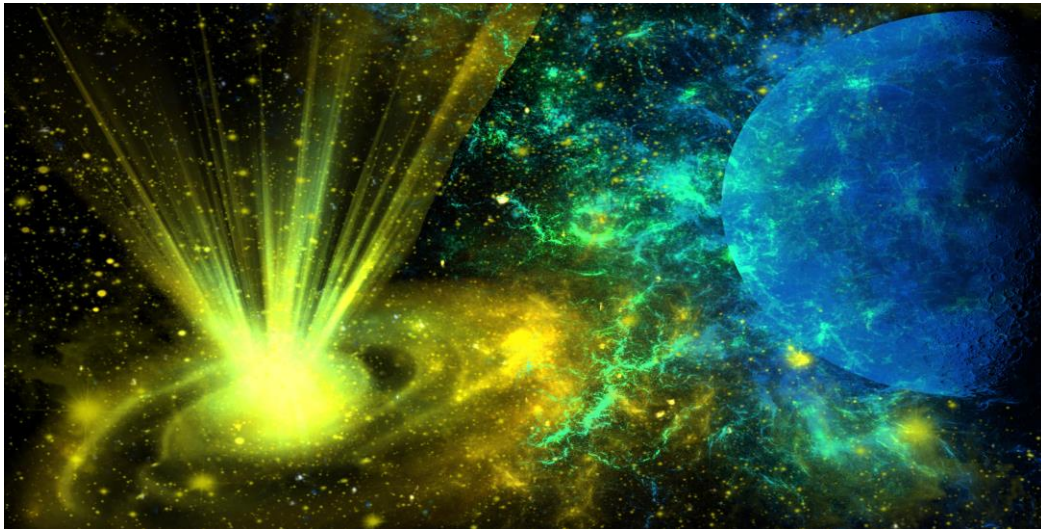


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Our Weekly Cycle

- The weekly cycle came from God at the very beginning of time.
- Our life revolves around the weekly cycle.
- God chose to create the framework, the structure of seven literal 24 hour days as the very foundation of time.
- Each day of the week ascends closer to the summit of the week, the Seventh day Sabbath.
- God never called any other day the Sabbath except the Seventh day.
- The weekly cycle loses it's meaning when we forget to Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.
- No purpose to the seven day cycle unless we govern our lives in reference to the 7th day.





The Seventh Day of Creation

“Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them were finished. 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. Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because that in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.”

Genesis 2:1-3

- Our weekly cycle came from the first creation week in the beginning.
- After six literal days of Creation, God did not work on the seventh day.
- God did three things exclusively to the seventh day:
- God blessed the seventh day.
- God rested on the seventh day.
- God sanctified or made holy the seventh day.
- The Seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord, our Creator. (See Exodus 20:8-11)
- Jesus is our Creator. “God who created all things through Jesus Christ.” Ephesians 3:9
- Jesus gave us the seventh day Sabbath. (See Mark 2:27,28)
- The seventh day is Saturday. (See Webster’s Dictionary.)
- The Seventh day of rest was given a long time before the existence of a Jew. Therefore the Sabbath is not just for the Jews. (see Mark 2:27,28)
- The Seventh day is a reminder of our Creator, Jesus Christ. (see John 1:1-14)



When Does the Sabbath begin and end?

**Sunset Friday night the Sabbath begins.
Sunset Saturday night the Sabbath ends.**

Mark 1:32,34

“Now at evening, when the sun had set, they brought to Him all who were sick... Then He healed many who were sick...”
They brought the sick to Jesus on Saturday after the sun set.

Leviticus 23:32

“from evening to evening you shall celebrate your sabbath.”

Genesis 1:31

“So the evening and the morning were the sixth day.” Each 24 hour day is divided by a dark part and a light part. The dark part comes first. So a day begins at Sunset.

Matthew 28:1

“Now after the Sabbath, as the first of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb.” Jesus was resurrected early in the morning of the first day of the week, Sunday.

John 20:1

“On the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb.” Jesus was resurrected while it was still dark on Sunday morning.

Luke 23:54

“That day was the Preparation, and the Sabbath drew near.” The preparation day, Friday ends at sunset when the Sabbath begins. So all preparations for the Sabbath are to be done by Sunset Friday night like buying and selling like filling the car with gas and grocery shopping.

Appeal: Be ready to enjoy the Sabbath by Sunset Friday night. On Saturday night you can resume secular activities like going out to eat, shopping at the mall etc.



JESUS AND HIS SABBATH

“So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read.”

Luke 4:16

- The Living Bible Translation says “Saturday.”
- Jesus knew the correct day of worship.
- Jesus went faithfully to church on the Sabbath day.
- Let us follow the example of Christ.
- Let us develop this habit of Christ.





The Risen Savior and the Sabbath

Many say that Jesus changed the Sabbath from Saturday to Sunday. Is this true?

- When God gave the Ten Commandments He spoke with a voice that thundered and shook the entire mountain and He wrote them with His finger.
- If Jesus was going to change any of these Ten Commandments, He would make it just as clear as when He gave them on the mountain.
- Did Jesus during His life ever hint about this change? He did not give the slightest hint. (Matthew 5:17)
- After His resurrection Jesus appeared to over 500 believers over 40 days and gave no hint of any such change. (1 Corinthians 15:3-8)
- The Bible never says that the first day of the week is now holy. (Luke 23:54-56; 24:1)
- The best way to honor the risen Savior is to follow His example and keep the Sabbath holy. (Luke 4:16)

Appeal: Make a solid decision now that you will follow your Risen Savior by honoring the true Lord's Day. (Rev.1:10)



Nine Out of Ten

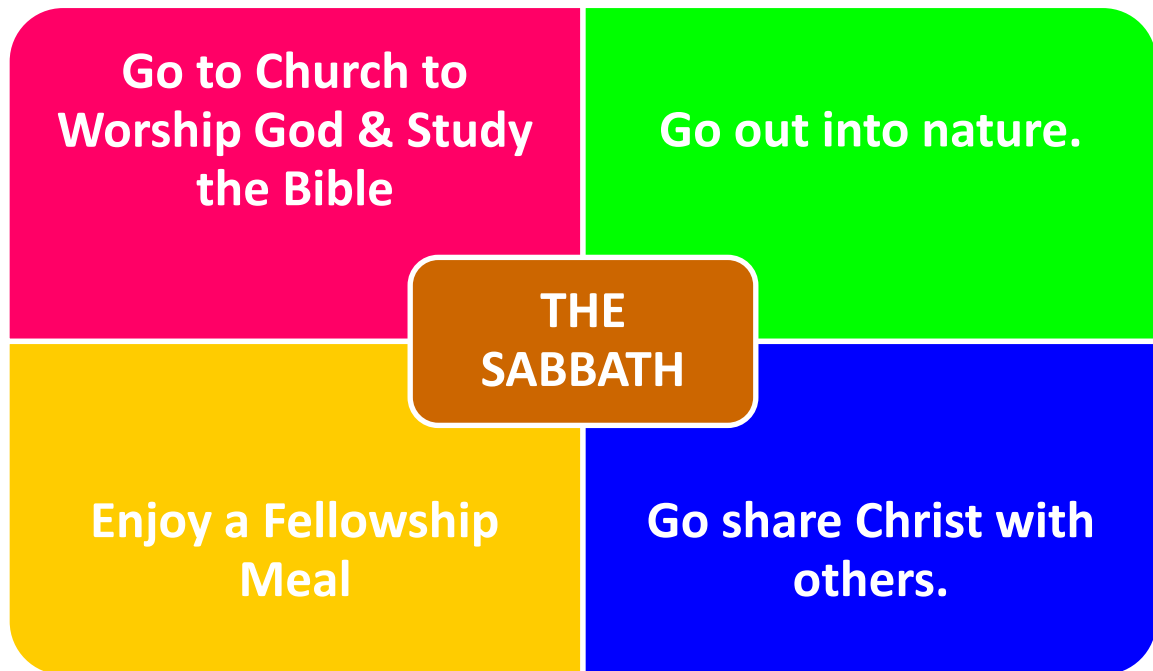
**Most agree with nine of
the Ten Commandments.**

9/10

- God gave us ten fingers and ten toes and Ten Commandments.
- Many churches seem to have a 10% discount on the Ten Commandments.
- What is the most forgotten commandment?
- How many do you remember to keep?
- Remember the Ten Commandments are not multiple choice.



YOUR FAMILY AND THE SABBATH



- The Family that goes to church together stays together.
- The Family that prays together stays together.
- The Family that enjoys nature together stays together.
- The Family that eats together stays together.
- The Family that shares Christ with others stays together.

No wonder the Sabbath is the ultimate Family day.



THE SABBATH AND STRESS

What are some of the sources of stress today?

- **Most Americans describe job stress as “extreme.”**
- **Most Americans are working long hours.**
- **Many American married spouses both work.**
- **Many Americans juggle two jobs.**
- **One survey of working moms revealed that although most look forward to rest on the weekend they are more stressed at the close of the weekend.**
- **What is missing? The Sabbath.**

**Jesus and His Sabbath is the antidote
for modern stress.**

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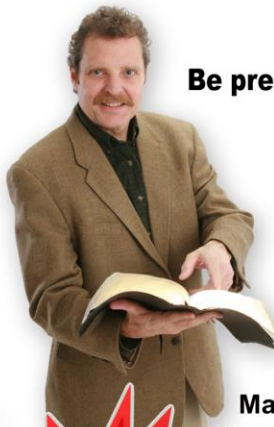
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- It is the most popular number in gambling today – 777!
- Revelation is a book packed with series and symbols of sevens: seven seals, seven trumpets, seven headed dragon, seven plagues and much more!
- It is a number used repeatedly to test the faith and love of God's people for six thousand years!
- The significance of the first appearance of the number seven at the end of the sequence of the weekly cycle at the dawn of time!
- The enemy has attacked the sign of the covenant in the heart of the Ten Commandments!



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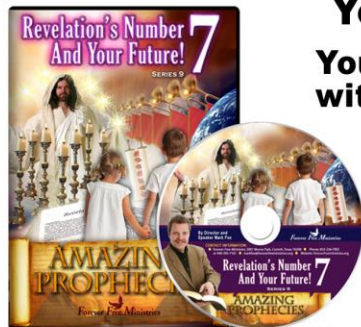
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