

EXODUS - Lesson 54

Read: Exodus 31:12-18

Learn: Exodus 31:15-17

1. What sign did the LORD institute to be between himself and the nation of Israel that is to last throughout their generations? v 13a

2. Define the word Sabbath using verse 15.

3. Define the word sign as used in the context of verse 13.

4. Record the phrase from verse 13 that tells us that this sign is only for the children of Israel and not for other peoples of the world to keep (that is, it is for the Jews, but not the Gentiles).

5. Find other Scripture that teaches that keeping of the Sabbath is a sign between the LORD and the nation of Israel only, and that it is not a sign between God and any other people.

6. Does the sign of keeping the Sabbath apply to the church of Jesus Christ?
Explain using Acts 15:5-29.

7. What was the reason that God gave Israel the sign of the Sabbath? v 13b

8. What is the meaning of holy as used in verse 14?

9. What did the LORD declare to be the consequences to a member of the nation of Israel for breaking the Sabbath? vv 14, 15b

10. Describe the occasion in which, and consequences to an Israelite who was caught breaking the Sabbath. Numbers 15:32-35

11. What was the six day work week followed by the Sabbath of rest based upon? Exodus 20:8-11

12. What did the LORD want the keeping of the Sabbath to bring to mind according to the Exodus passage?

13. List each passage in the Scripture that speaks of the 6 day work week followed by the seventh day of rest being related to God's creation.

14. What 2 points concerning the Sabbath are specifically reiterated in verse 17?

15. When and where was the six day work week followed by a day of rest first instituted?
Genesis 1:1-2:3

16. What did the prophets say concerning Israel's failure to keep God's Sabbaths?
Jeremiah 17:19-27

Ezekiel 20:12-24

17. The nation of Israel was removed from the land by the LORD for their rebellion against him. God used Israel's pagan enemies, the Assyrians and the Babylonians to do this. When God allowed them to return to their promised land had they learned their lesson concerning the keeping of the LORD'S Sabbaths? Explain. Nehemiah 13:15-22

18. What did God give to Moses at the end of communing with him on mount Sinai? v 18

19. What was written on the tables of stone that the LORD gave to Moses?
Exodus 24:12; 32:15, 16; 34:28

20. Is the keeping of the Sabbath by the nation of Israel still required by God? Give Scripture to back your answer.

21. Israel came into the land and were established as a modern nation in 1948. Explain why their establishing a week based on the Sabbath while other modern nations of the world base their seven day week on Sunday as a rest day proves the existence of the God of the Bible.

22. As believers in Jesus, we are not required to keep the Sabbath as the nation of Israel is, but our lives are still based on the seven day week. We keep the first day of the week as our day of rest, which commemorates the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus from the dead. All the "civilized" world functions on the seven day week. What does a seven day week, which usually has a Sunday and sometimes another day as a day of rest reflect?

23. During the French Revolution the atheistic leaders tried to institute a 10 day week, but it failed. What would be a reason why they would want to change the week from 7 to 10 days?

24. How does Psalm 2:1-3 apply to the reasoning of men who wish to change God's order of things?

25. What is God's response to those who think that they can change his order and plan? Psalm 2:4-12