



# Today's Lesson

Introduction

- 1. Worship in Song
- 2. Sabbath and Prophecy
- 3. Sabbath and Mission
- 4. Next Week

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# God Grows His Church

Worship Song

God grows His church, God grows His children.  
God's Word is life, It flows by day and night.

Plant me by those streams of Living Water  
Take root below, bear fruit above,  
Love one another, reach out to others,

That's how God grows His church  
God grows His children.

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# Sabbath & Prophecy

The Connection

The Sabbath

It's Prophetic Nature

Kubo: "God Meets Man"

Sabbath & Second Coming

Move beyond the apologetic

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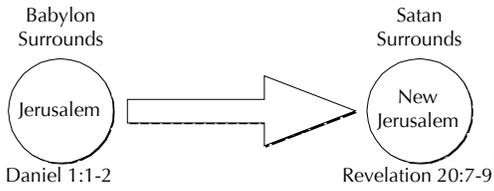
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## 2300 Days

Daniel 1 and Revelation 20




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## 2300 Days

Destruction, Restoration, Advent

Destruction of earthly sanctuary by Babylon.	Restoration of earthly sanctuary by Ezra.	Advent of the Messiah who is anointed and says the time is fulfilled.	Destruction of heavenly sanctuary by the little horn power.	Restoration of heavenly sanctuary and God's people and truth.	Advent of the Son of Man and the judgment for the saints.
Daniel 1:1-2 605 BC	Daniel 9:25 457 BC	Daniel 9:25 27 AD	Daniel 8:11	Daniel 8:14 1844	Daniel 7:26

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## 2300 Days

Missional Implications

### Prophecy and Mission

Behold the Bridegroom Cometh!

Gives urgency to the message.

Gives hope to the weary.

Gives understanding to events.

Motivates world-wide mission.

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## The Sabbath and Mission

### The Sabbath and Prophetic Time

Gen. 2:1-3	7 Days	Weekly
Lev. 25:1-7	7 Years	Sabbatical
Lev. 25:8-17	7 x 7 Years	Jubilee
Daniel 9:1-2	70 Years	Desolation
2Chron. 36:21	70 Years	Land Rests
Daniel 9:24	70 weeks	Jews Blessed
Daniel 9:25	7(7) and 62 (7)	Restoration
Daniel 9:27	1 week	Messiah/Release

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## The Sabbath in Creation

Gerhard Hasel

The Sabbath is grounded in Creation and linked with redemption. It is an agent of rest from work and confronts man's religious and social relationship . . . . Its nature is universal and it serves all mankind. It is concerned with worship as well as with joy and satisfaction. The themes of Creation, Sabbath, redemption, and sanctification are inseparably linked together, and with the Sabbath's covenant aspect they reach into the eschatological future (1982:21).

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## The Sabbath in Creation

Samuel Bacchiochi

### *Divine Rest for Human Restlessness*

For example, Genesis 1:1 is composed of seven Hebrew words, three of which (God, heavens and earth) are all repeated in multiples of seven in the pericope (1980:62).

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## The Sabbath in Creation

Samuel Bacchiochi

### *Divine Rest for Human Restlessness*

- 1) And on the seventh day God finished His work which he had done  
(v. 2a-seven words in Hebrew).
- 2) And he rested on **the seventh day** from all his work which he had done.  
(v. 2b-seven words in Hebrew).
- 3) So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it  
(v. 3a-seven words in Hebrew).

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## The Sabbath and Life

Abraham Heschel

### *The Sabbath*

All days of the week must be spiritually consistent with the day of days. All our life should be a pilgrimage to the seventh day' the thought and appreciation of what this day may bring to us should be ever present in our minds. For the Sabbath is the counterpoint of living; the melody sustained through agitations and vicissitudes which menace our conscience; our awareness of God's presence in the world. What we are depends on what the Sabbath is to us (The Sabbath, 1951:89).

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## The Sabbath and Discipleship

Communion and Community

The busyness of modern life which tends to overwhelm the time needed to find communion with God and fellowship with one another is counteracted by the remembrance of the holiness of the Sabbath which separates the sacred from common time.

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## The Sabbath and Discipleship

Commission

Deuteronomy 5:12-15 "Observe the Sabbath day by keeping it holy, as the LORD your God has commanded you. 13 Six days you shall labor and do all your work, 14 but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your ox, your donkey or any of your animals, nor the alien within your gates, so that your manservant and maidservant may rest, as you do. 15 Remember that you were slaves in Egypt and that the LORD your God brought you out of there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the LORD your God has commanded you to observe the Sabbath day.

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## The Sabbath and Discipleship

Sakae Kubo

The Sabbath not only reminds us of our deliverance, but it commands us to extend the blessing to those under oppression or servitude. It is not enough to rejoice in and enjoy one's own salvation. One must also work with God to bring deliverance 'to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord' (Luke 4:18). Every Sabbath as the Christian rests in remembrance of his redemption and freedom, he must also consider those who still remain in bondage (1978:46).

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## The Sabbath and Discipleship

The Market Day of our Souls

The Sabbath was the foundation of the Puritan pastor's discipling ministry. The English Protestant Sir Simon D'Ewes said that it was the main groundwork upon which was built the practice of all other pious duties and Henry Burton voiced the thoughts of many others when he said that the Sabbath was "the market day of our souls" (1631:64).

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## The Sabbath and Discipleship

Nicolas Bownde—16th C. Puritan Pastor

According to Allen, Bownde promoted at least seven spiritual disciplines which could be associated with the Sabbath. These disciplines which should fill the whole Sabbath time are attendance at the corporate worship service (which is to be preceded by personal prayer, bible study and meditation). To these four are to be added participation in small groups, the singing of Psalms and works of mercy (1991:201-209).

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## The Sabbath and Discipleship

Ellen White

As Ellen White comments on the potential far reaching aspects of the Sabbath: “all through the week we are to have the Sabbath in mind and be making preparation to keep it according to the commandment. We are not merely to observe the Sabbath as a legal matter. We are to understand its spiritual bearing upon all the transactions of life” (1948:353).

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## Next Lesson

Overview

1. Presentation of Papers
2. Wednesday's Breakfast
3. Class on a CD

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