

Mysterious Forgetfulness

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Heavenly bodies - The earth rotating around the sun gives us a **year**. The moon rotating around the earth gives us a **month**. The world rotating on its axis gives us a **day**. But what gives us a **week**? The entire world runs on a seven day weekly cycle because of Genesis 1-2.

Genesis 1-2:3 - In 6 days God created the heavens and the earth, but rested the 7th day. Notice what God did on the 7th day in 2:2-3. God rested from creation to spend time with His newly created human creatures. God created the Sabbath to be a day of relationship between Him and His followers. THIS is why the enemy *hates* this day.

(Note: Chapters 1 and 2 are the same story. Chapter 1 uses the term “God.” Chapter 2 uses the term “Lord God.” The Hebrew word for “God,” used in Genesis 1:1, is plural. Hence, “Let *Us* make man in *Our* image” in 1:26. The Hebrew words for “Lord God” is both singular and plural: “Lord” is singular, while “God” is plural.)

Exodus 16:2-5, 23-30 - God tested His people regarding His law—specifically the 7th day sabbath—before He spoke the commandments from Mount Sinai in chapter 20!

Exodus 20:8-11 - “Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.”

Luke 4:14-16 - “Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and there went out a fame of Him through all the region round about. And He taught in their synagogues, being glorified of all. And 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 for to read.”

Luke 23:52-24:1 - Jesus rested the 7th day in His death. Notice how the disciples, who knew first hand His will, “rested the sabbath day according to the commandment” as well.

Acts 13:14 - “When they departed from Perga, they came to Antioch in Pisidia, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and sat down.”

Acts 13:42-44 - “When the Jews were gone out of the synagogue, the Gentiles besought that these words might be preached to them the next sabbath. Now when the congregation was broken up, many of the Jews and religious proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas: who, speaking to them, persuaded them to continue in the grace of God. And the next sabbath day came almost the whole city together to hear the word of God.”

Acts 15:21 - “Moses of old time hath in every city them that preach him, being read in the synagogues every sabbath day.”

Acts 16:13 - “On the sabbath we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont to be made; and we sat down, and spake unto the women which resorted thither.”

Acts 17:1-2 - “When they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to **Thessalonica**, where was a synagogue of the Jews: And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures.”

Acts 18:1, 4 - “After these things Paul departed from Athens, and came to **Corinth**... And he reasoned in the synagogue every sabbath, and persuaded the Jews and the Greeks.”

Acts 20:27 - “I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God.” If the sabbath were changed from the 7th day to the 1st, Paul would have explained and exemplified so in the ‘counsel of God.’

Revelation 1:10 - “I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day.” The phrase “Lord’s day” is only used one time in all of Scripture. What then could be the Lord’s day?

Mark 2:27-28 - “The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath: Therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath.”

Revelation 12:17 - “The dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which **keep the commandments of God**, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.”

Revelation 14:9-12 - “The third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: and the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name. Here is the patience of the saints: here are they **that keep the commandments of God**, and the faith of Jesus.”

Revelation 22:14 - “Blessed are they that **do His commandments**, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.” Some translations render this “wash their robes” instead of “do His commandments.” Both are acceptable, as they both mean the same. Notice **Psalm 119:9-10** - “Wherewithal shall a young man *cleans* **his way**? By taking heed thereto according to Thy word. With my whole heart have I sought Thee: O let me not wander from thy **commandments**.”

John 14:15 - “If ye love Me, keep my commandments.” Jesus was quoting directly from the 2nd commandment of the Ten Commandment Law. Exodus 20:6 says, “Shewing mercy unto thousands of them that *love Me*, and *keep my commandments*.”