

In The Beginning
Bible Study Notes

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."

Genesis 1:1

Probably the most well-known verse in the Bible is that of **Genesis 1:1**, yet it is one of the most overlooked. Here Moses tells us, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, that everything in this universe was created by the Almighty God.

*"In the beginning **God** created the heavens and the earth."* **Genesis 1:1**

Notice that the original Hebrew word used here for '**GOD**' is the word '**ELOHIYM**.' This word is used throughout the Bible to denote the **plural form of God**, that is to say, when referring to all 3 figures of the Godhead: **The Father, The Son & The Holy Spirit**. Though God is one, in unison, in thought and in purpose and in mind, there are three distinct persons in the Godhead, and they all have their own purpose and role.

As a man and woman are one and in unison when they are married, so the Father, Son & Holy Ghost are One and together they make up the Godhead.

*"For there are **three** that bear witness in heaven: the **Father**, the **Word** [Son], and the **Holy Spirit**; and **these three are one**."* **1st John 5:7, John 1:1-3,14**

It was these three figures of the Godhead who are **one in purpose** and who are in **complete unison** with one another that were engaged in the work of creation.

*"When **He** [**the Father**] prepared the heavens, **I** [**Christ**] was there, when He drew a circle on the face of the deep, when He established the clouds above, when He strengthened the fountains of the deep, when He assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters would not transgress His command, When He marked out the foundations of the earth, Then **I** was beside Him as a master craftsman."* **Proverbs 8:27-30**

"All things were made through Him [Christ], and without Him nothing was made that was made." **John 1:3**

*"...and to make all see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which **from the beginning of the ages** has been hidden in **God who created all things through Jesus Christ**."* **Ephesians 3:9**

*"Then **God** said, "**Let Us** make man in Our image..."* **Genesis 1:26**

Thus, the Scriptures confirm that the Father, Son & Holy Spirit were from the beginning. They always were, they were from before this earth existed.

*"Hear, O Israel: The **LORD** our God, the **LORD is one!**"* **Deuteronomy 6:4**

The First Day:

"The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep." It was covered in darkness and in a state of confusion, disorder, and emptiness. The Spirit of the Lord was hovering over the face of the waters which covered the earth until God spoke, and when God speaks as we shall see, there is mighty power in His Word.

He spoke and there was light.

"Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light." **Genesis 1:3**

God saw that the light was good, so He made a division of the light from the darkness and called the light day and the darkness, He called night. In the spiritual aspect, God Himself is light. Jesus said that He is the light of the world, and in the same way, as Christians, we are also to be lights in this dark world, letting our light shine ever before men.

*"You are **the light of the world**... Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."* **Matthew 5:14,16**

"As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." **John 9:5**

Therefore, what fellowship does light have with darkness? As the light is separate from darkness, so should we as faithful, Bible believing Christians, be separated from the darkness of this world.

Notice also, that according to God's original plan, a day ends at sunset and not at midnight as we follow in the world today. The coming of the evening [sunset] signified the ending of one day and the beginning of another.

*"So, the **evening** and the **morning** were the first day."* **Genesis 1:5**

This was the custom followed by the early Patriarchs and Israelites even up until the times of the Apostles, it was only during the time of the Roman Papacy in which we see the observance of the day moving from ending at sunset to ending just before midnight.

This shows us how satan will do all in his power to have mankind go against God's plan.

The Second Day:

God speaks again, and there is power manifested in His Word; the firmament was created. The Hebrew word for firmament used in the translation of the text is 'RAQIYA', meaning sky and atmosphere. This sky created a separation of the waters which initially covered the entire surface of the earth and thus created in a distinct division between the waters, leaving a space in between. In the midst of the waters above & below is the air, which is needed for all living creatures to survive, man, plant, or beast.

This helps us to further understand how God was able to flood the entire earth in the days of Noah. All that was needed was for the waters above the firmament and the waters below the firmament to be disturbed and the earth would once again be covered as it was on the first day.

*"Then God said, "Let there be a **firmament in the midst of the waters**, and let it **divide** the waters from the waters." Thus, God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were **under the firmament** from the waters which were **above the firmament**; and it was so." **Genesis 1:6-7***

Observe how God proceeded to put the world in order before He placed man on it. It had to be habitable for mankind to live upon it, hence why he [man], was made last.

The Third Day:

The Word of the Lord was spoken and the waters below the firmament were gathered to one place to make way for the dry land to appear. Here we have the separation of the land from the seas.

*"Then God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear"; and it was so." **Genesis 1:9***

Observe the transformation of the earth from a dark and disorderly planet, to one of progressive order by the spoken Word of God.

*"When He assigned to **the sea its limit**, so **that the waters would not transgress** His command, when He marked out the foundations of the earth." **Proverbs 8:29***

*"Or **who shut in the sea with doors**, when it burst forth and issued from the womb.
When I made the clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band.*

When I fixed My limit for it and set bars and doors.

When I said, 'This far you may come, but no farther and here your proud waves must stop!'"

Job 38:8-11

*"You who laid the foundations of the earth, so that it should not be moved forever,
You covered it with the deep as with a garment; **the waters stood above the mountains.**
At Your rebuke they fled; at the voice of Your thunder, **they hastened away.***

*They went up over the mountains; they went down into the valleys, to the place which You founded for them. **You have set a boundary that they may not pass over, that they may not return to cover the earth.**" **Psalms 104:5-9***

In the same way, by God's grace, our lives are transformed progressively when we accept Jesus into our hearts and repent of our sins.

*"Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ." **Philippians 1:6***

This work which Jesus performs in us is a progressive work, as long as we fully submit to Him and obey Him. It doesn't happen over-night. Just as the earth was transformed day by day from disorder to order, so we, as faithful followers of Christ, are transformed day by day, from darkness to light, to reflect His character in our lives.

Notice the small, but powerful lessons that God is trying to teach us through this so often overlooked account of the creation week.

Now that there was dry land, God spoke & brought forth vegetation upon the earth. The fruit bearing trees & plants, the grass, the vegetables, and herbs, all according to their kinds and species. This was the original diet for man and beast alike.

*"And God said, "See, I have given you every **herb that yields seed** which is on the face of all the earth, and every **tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food.**" **Genesis 1:29***

Notice the diet & nature of the animal kingdom when we shall all reign with Christ in Heaven and also when the new earth is created. There shall be no flesh eating, it shall all go back to how it was intentionally supposed to be from the very beginning.

It was only because of sin entering the world, that eating flesh foods came to be and thus the shedding of blood for food came into existence.

However, 'when the saints go marching in,' through the gates of the Heavenly Kingdom, that shall all be a thing of the past.

Says the Lord, "For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and **the former shall not be remembered or come to mind.**" **Isaiah 65:17**

*"The **wolf and the lamb shall feed together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox** and dust shall be the serpent's food. **They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain,**" says the LORD.
Isaiah 65:25*

*"The **wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, The calf and the young lion and the fatling together** and a little child shall lead them. **The cow and the bear shall graze, their young ones shall lie down together. And the lion shall eat straw like the ox.**" **Isaiah 11:6-7***

The Fourth Day:

God spoke and the great lights of the firmament came to be, the sun, the moon & the stars. The sun is the greater light to rule over the day, and the moon is the lesser light to rule over the night. These celestial bodies were to be used to light the earth and to differentiate between the seasons, the days, the years and for signs in the sky.

*"Then God said, "Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years." **Genesis 1:14***

It is interesting to note that in times past before the modern calendar which we use today, which is called the [Gregorian calendar](#) [Gregory was a Roman Pope], most of the world used a lunar calendar. That means, they observed the seasons and the years by the movement of the moon and the stars. They could also tell the time of the day and the time of the year by the movement of the sun.

For e.g. We know that when the sun is in the east then it is morning, when it is directly above then it is midday and when it moves to the west, it is the afternoon going into the evening. In addition, in times past, a new moon signified the start of a new month. All of these observances were common in times past.

Even to this day sailors can find their way by observing the movement of the stars and the moon in the night sky.

The prophet Isaiah under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, tells us that in the New Heaven and the New Earth which the Lord shall create, all of the saints shall go up to the New Jerusalem, the Heavenly City, to worship God every Sabbath. This also proves that the Sabbath which was instituted by Lord in the very beginning on the **seventh day**, will still be binding in Heaven and therefore, is still binding today on earth. Remember that the number seven [7] in the Bible, always denotes completion and perfection.

*"For as the **new heavens and the new earth which I will make shall remain before Me,**" says the LORD, "So shall your descendants and your name remain. And it shall come to pass that **from one New Moon [Month] to another and from one Sabbath to another,** all flesh shall come to worship before Me," says the LORD." **Isaiah 66:22-23***

The Bible is clear.

*"Thus says the LORD, who gives the sun for a light by day, the ordinances of the moon and the stars for a light by night, who disturbs the sea and its waves roar (The LORD of hosts is His name)." **Jeremiah 31:35***

*"When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have ordained." **Psalm 8:3***

"The sun to rule by day, for His mercy endures forever; the moon and stars to rule by night,

For His mercy endures forever.” **Psalms 136:8-9**

The Fifth Day:

The birds of the air according to their kinds and species and the fish of the both the fresh and salt waters were created according to their kinds and species on this fifth day of Creation week. God admonishes these created beings, to be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth. He saw that all this work was good and pleasant.

Then God said, “Let the waters abound with an abundance of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the face of the firmament of the heavens.” **Genesis 1:20**

The wisdom and power of God are to be admired as much as in an ant as in a whale; every creature was beautifully and wonderfully made. Thus, after His command, the waters and the air were made to swarm with creatures formed to live in their respective elements.

“O LORD, how manifold are Your works! In wisdom You have made them all. The earth is full of Your possessions— This great and wide sea, in which are innumerable teeming things, living things both small and great. **Psalms 104:24-25**

The Sixth Day:

The penultimate day of the week of Creation. The creatures of the land were created: animals of livestock, wild beasts, crawling insects, they were all created, as with everything else preceding them, in perfect beauty and harmony. They were also commanded to be fruitful and multiply and to fill the earth with their presence; this was good and pleasant in the eyes of God.

It was after all of this work was completed that the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, looked upon their work of creation and saw that a ruler for this once desolate and disorderly planet was needed. God had taken a void, formless and desolate planet and had transformed it by His spoken Word into a perfect paradise, a magnificent, habitable abode.

Thus, in unison, the Godhead decided to create mankind; first man, then woman.

*“Then God said, “Let Us make man in **Our image**, according to **Our likeness**; let them have **dominion** over the **fish** of the sea, over the **birds** of the air, and over the **cattle**, over **all the earth** and over every **creeping thing** that creeps on the earth... Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; **fill the earth and subdue it**; have **dominion** over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every **living thing** that moves on the earth.”* **Genesis 1:26,28**

The same word **‘ELOHIYM’** is used here for the translation of **‘GOD’**, denoting that all three persons in the Godhead were involved.

“What is man that You are mindful of him and the son of man that You visit him?”

*For You have made him a little lower than the angels and You have crowned him with glory and honour. You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet, all sheep and oxen— Even the beasts of the field, the birds of the air and the fish of the sea that pass through the paths of the seas.” **Psalm 8:4-8***

It was part of God’s original plan for mankind to have dominion over this planet, to rule over all of God’s creation; they were all to serve man and man was to serve God, everything was to be in perfect harmony.

However, mankind sinned in the Garden of Paradise and this privilege was taken away from Adam and Eve, and thus satan became the prince or ruler of this world.

It was thus why Jesus in the Heavenly Temple, removed His Kingly robes and clothed Himself in humanity by coming to this earth to be that True sacrifice for our sins, for without the shedding of blood there is no remission or forgiveness, **Hebrews 9:22**. By His sacrifice He reconciled us back to the Father, **Colossians 1:19-20**, all those who would accept Him as Lord & Saviour and repent of their sinful ways.

*“Now is the judgment of this world; now **the ruler of this world** will be cast out.”*

John 12:31 NKJV

*“Now is the judgment of this world: now shall **the prince of this world** be cast out.”*

John 12:31 KJV

God formed man out of the dust of the earth, combining it with water to make clay, He moulded man as a potter moulds the clay and when He saw that it was good, He blew into his nostrils the breath of life and man came alive, *he became a living soul*. Thus, man was created in the likeness and image of God, the character of Christ was fully revealed in Adam and later Eve.

*“And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and **man became a living soul.**” **Genesis 2:7***

*“Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying: “O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter?” says the LORD. “Look, as the clay is in the potter’s hand, so are you in My hand, O house of Israel!” **Jeremiah 18:5-6***

A study in the Bible Concordance shows us that the name Adam in the original Hebrew means ‘**ruddy**’ or ‘**to be red**’, giving us the idea of the clay which we read of in Jeremiah. Adam with his ruddy, clay-like complexion was like clay in the hands of the potter, Jesus.

After forming man, God saw that he needed a suitable helper to be with him in the Garden of Paradise. It was then that God decided to form from the rib of Adam **a wife** for him and Adam named her Eve, which in the original Hebrew is ‘**chavvah**’, meaning ‘**life giver.**’ From these two, all of mankind has descended.

*And the LORD God said, “It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.” **Genesis 2:18***

*And Adam said: "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man." Therefore, a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh." **Genesis 2:23-24***

The Sabbath Day:

The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit all looked upon their completed work of creation and saw that everything was very good, **Genesis 1:31**. The earth and the heavens and all that were within them were perfect and in harmony, just as God had ordained by the power of His spoken Word. As a result, the Lord rested from all of His work of creation and blessed the seventh day, sanctifying it and hallowing it. He did not rest because of fatigue for the Lord does not tire or become weary, **Isaiah 40:28**, but He rested to teach us an example of what we should do on the Sabbath day. It was made known and ordained throughout all the Heavens and the Earth that this seventh day was the Lord's Holy Day, it was the Sabbath of the Lord.

In a perfect world, without sin, without Jew or Gentile, the Sabbath [*the seventh day*], just like marriage was instituted from the very beginning. Adam & Eve, who were both created on the sixth day, kept the first Sabbath on earth by implication. This therefore goes against the false doctrine that the Sabbath was meant for the Jews as is commonly taught.

Says Jesus, "*The Sabbath was made for man and not man for the Sabbath.*" **Mark 2:27**

Again, He says, "*Therefore, the Son of Man is also Lord of the Sabbath.*" **Mark 2:28**

Notice what the prophet Ezekiel tells us.

"Moreover, I also gave them My Sabbaths, to be a sign between them and Me, that they might know that I am the LORD who sanctifies them... hallow My Sabbaths, and they will be a sign between Me and you, that you may know that I am the LORD your God." **Ezekiel 20:12,20**

It is interesting to note that they were two great pillars instituted in the Garden of Eden, before the presence of sin, namely, Marriage & the Sabbath, yet there is so much contention against the Sabbath but none against marriage. We still believe in marriage to this very day, yet we denounce the Sabbath and say that it was 'for the Jewish nation'. However, the Sabbath was instituted before there was even an Israelite upon this earth. The nation of Israel came from the seed of Jacob, who lived more than 1600 years after Adam. The Sabbath, like marriage, existed from the very beginning of this earth, before the earth was defiled by sin.

We must understand the way satan works, he was cast out of Heaven because he wanted worship, he wanted to be above the Lord Jesus and as a result of this he was cast down to this earth.

"How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning... For you have said in your heart:

I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation on the farthest sides of the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds,

I will be like the Most High.” **Isaiah 14:12,13**

To this very day, satan still craves worship and as a result he has created a counterfeit day of which almost the entire Christian world observes and they denounce the keeping of the Sabbath as an ancient relic, yet the Bible supports the Sabbath from Genesis to Revelation. If self-professed Christians today would study the Word of God more diligently, they would see this, but they are blinded because they reject truth and hold to error.

Says, the Apostle John about those faithful Christians living in the last days, just before the 2nd Coming of Christ, *“And the dragon [satan] was wroth with the woman [God’s faithful remnant in the last days] 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 12:17**

Again, he says about that last day generation, *“Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.”* **Revelation 14:12**

Those faithful, Bible believing Christians in the last days will keep all of the Commandments of God, whilst holding on to faith in Jesus.

“For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all. For He who said, “Do not commit adultery,” also said, “Do not murder.” Now if you do not commit adultery, but you do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So, speak and so do as those who will be judged by the law of liberty.” **James 2:10-12**

Here the Apostle James tells us clearly, whoever keeps but nine of the commandments but breaks one is guilty of breaking all. Therefore, if we break only the fourth commandment which clearly reminds us that we should but work on six days and keep the seventh [Sabbath] day holy, then we are breaking all of the commandments and we have no right to enter into the Heavenly City. Those who profess the name of Christ shall be by judged by His Law, i.e., **the 10 Commandment Law of God**. This is contrary to what is taught today in the Church, most believe that the Law of God was nailed to the cross. This is a lie from satan himself.

No one would say it is acceptable to steal or lie or kill or to worship graven images, yet they would say it is ok to not keep the Sabbath of the Lord because the Law was nailed to the cross. **The Lord does not create such confusion, only satan.** Many do not notice that in the days of the Old Testament they were two Laws, namely the **Law of God [10 Commandments]** and the **law of Moses [the ceremonial laws]**. Of these two, one is forever binding and the other was a type or shadow which pointed to the 1st Coming of Jesus upon the earth; it was these ceremonial laws of Moses, which were nailed to the cross at the crucifixion, because they were a foreshadow to Jesus.

“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 [The Heavenly City].” **Revelation 22:14**

Yes, they are many who do not know this truth and God is merciful, many have died not knowing the truth about the Sabbath and in times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all who have a knowledge of the truth to repent and obey Him.

“Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent.” **Acts 29:30**

The Sabbath was kept even by the early Church as we see in the Book of Acts, Jesus Himself kept the Sabbath as the gospel records show us. He even died on what we call 'good Friday' and He rose on 'resurrection Sunday.' But what did He do on the Saturday, the Sabbath Day? **He rested in the tomb.** This shows us how, even in death, he obeyed His own Commandments. **Luke Chapters 23 & 24.**

*"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**

It was Jesus' custom to go to the Synagogue and worship on the Sabbath Day the Bible shows us.

*"But when they departed from Perga, they came to Antioch in Pisidia, and **went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day** and sat down."* **Acts 13:44**

*"And on the **Sabbath day** we went out of the city to the riverside, where prayer was customarily made; and we sat down and spoke to the women who met there."* **Acts 16:13**

*"And when the Jews were gone out of the synagogue, **the Gentiles besought that these words might be preached to them the next sabbath... And the next sabbath day came almost the whole city together to hear the word of God.**"* **Acts 13:42,44**

The Apostles also went into the Synagogue to worship on the Sabbath, and this was after the ascension of Jesus they even preached to many upon the same said Sabbath.

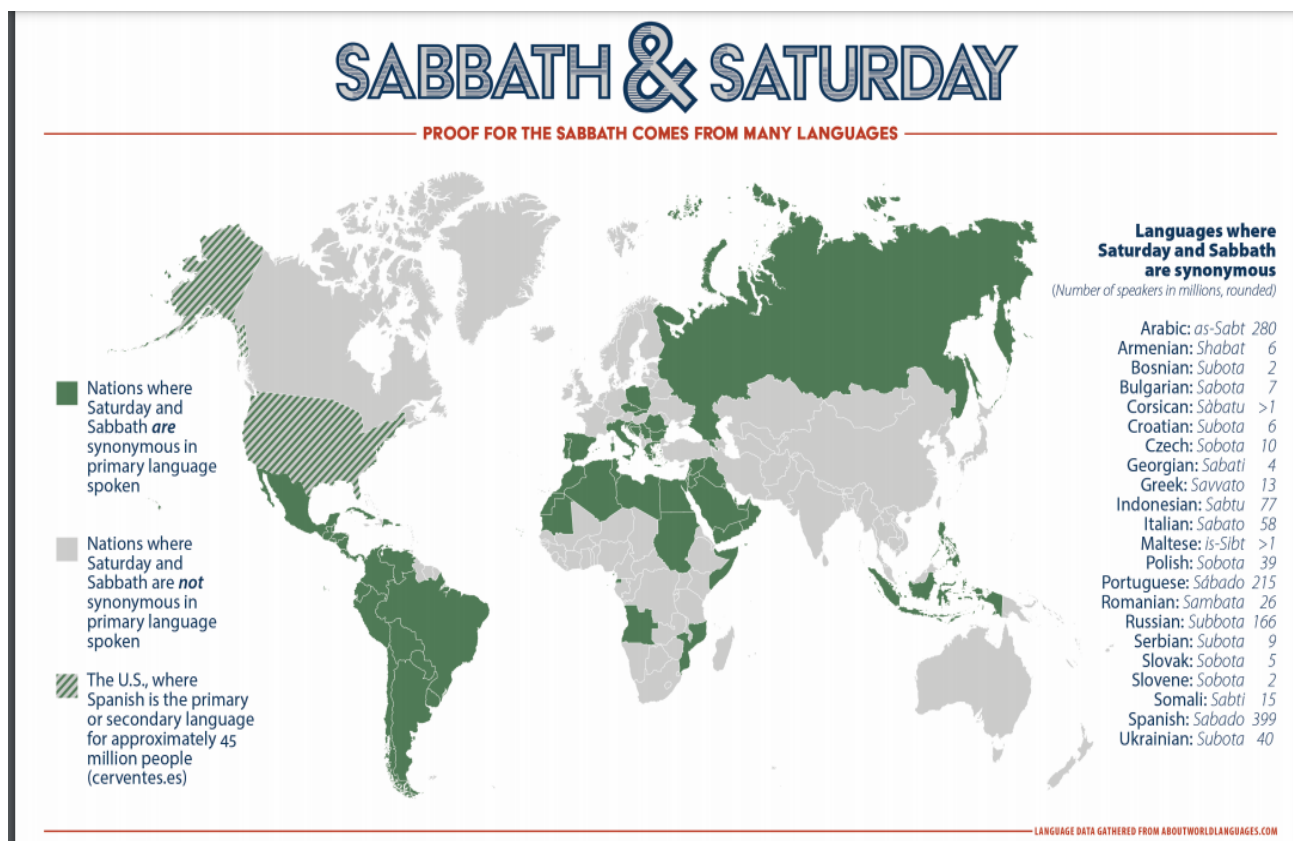
Many say the reason the Church observes Sunday as the modern sabbath is because Jesus rose from the dead, on Sunday. Yes, while this is true, He did rise early Sunday morning, the first day of the week, **Luke 24:1**, where is the Biblical evidence that Sunday is now a day to be kept holy and the seventh day no longer holy and sanctified?

There is no evidence of this anywhere in the Bible.

So where did this tradition come from?

Sunday, in the days of the early church after the death of the Apostles, was always celebrated as a day of remembrance signifying that Jesus rose from the dead. This first occurred once a year and eventually it became a practice of once a week and on **March 7th in the year AD 321**, it was then made law in the days of the Roman Empire by Emperor Constantine that Sunday should be made a legal day of rest throughout all the Empire. It is also interesting to note that the people of Rome worshipped the sun on that same said day and in order for Constantine to please both the Church and the pagans, he made the day a legal day of rest and festivities throughout his Empire. However, this change was orchestrated by the devil using Constantine to turn people's eyes away from the true Sabbath to the false sabbath. Hence why the day is called 'sun-day' as it was the day the pagans worshipped the sun.

Subsequently, when the Roman Catholic Church rose to prominence in Europe [**AD 538**] after the fall of the Roman Empire, the practice of a Sunday sabbath continued in the Church for the entirety of its reign, **1,260 years**, and this practice spread throughout Europe and throughout the nations in which Europe conquered, i.e., **The New World.**



The word for Sabbath & Saturday in many languages is the same word

We must understand that God does not change, if God made a day Holy, then it is to be kept Holy. The Biblical evidence is clear, the truth can be found in the Word of God. Satan has blinded many into believing this false sabbath and many observe it not knowing why they even do; they are just following tradition.

Observe the trend all over the world to make **Sunday a day of rest by law and to shut down the world's economies on Sundays to 'heal the world from climate change'**. The devil is at work for he knows that he has but a short time before Jesus comes again and as the Bible shows us, the majority of the world will wonder after the beast and accept its mark and when they do this, they shall receive of the 7 last plagues which is the unmixed wrath of God. Read chapters **8 & 9 of Ezekiel** and notice the similar events which transpired in the days of the Old Testament Church. Worshipping the sun and worshipping on the day of the sun is the same in principle and by doing it we are paying homage to the devil who has blinded those in the church into dishonouring God and honouring the devil. By keeping Sunday holy, one is giving lucifer the very worship he desired when he was in Heaven.

If God has sanctified the Sabbath, then we are to keep that day Holy.

"For I am the LORD, I change not"
Malachi 3:6