



History of the Sabbath and First Day of the Week
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Chapter 2 “The Institution of the Sabbath”
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1. What was the character of the seventh day, as hallowed in Eden?
2. Being instituted in Eden, can it be a memorial of the flight of Israel from Egypt?
3. Do the most distinguished Jewish writers claim the Sabbath as a Jewish memorial, or deny its primeval origin?
4. What allusion does Josephus make to the Sabbath in the wilderness of Sin?



5. How does he speak of it at creation?

6. What does Philo say of the Sabbath as a memorial?

7. The Sabbath being instituted before the fall, could it be a shadow or type of man's rest after his recovery from the fall? Why not?



8. Why may not the Sabbath be one of the carnal ordinances imposed till the time of reformation? Heb. 9:10.

9. Where is the next mention of the Sabbath after man's apostasy?

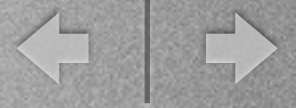
10. What objection to the institution of the Sabbath in Paradise is attempted to be drawn from the fact that the book of Genesis does not contain any formal precept for its observance?



11. State the defects in this argument.

12. From what other sins besides Sabbath-breaking, does the book of Genesis contain no prohibition?

13. Can we affirm from this that the patriarchs were under no restraint in these things?



14. Why was it not necessary that the book of Genesis should contain a moral code?

15. How much time is spanned in its brief record?

16. From the fact that the book of Genesis, after giving the institution of the Sabbath, does not again mention it, what conclusion has been drawn?



17. State the defect in this argument by naming other important doctrines not mentioned in that book.
18. By what penalty was the Sabbath enforced after the time of Moses?
19. Yet how long a period is passed over after the time of Moses, without a mention of the Sabbath?
20. What other observances, which were at that time important, are passed over in silence?



21. What conclusion follows from these facts?

22. From what is the reckoning of time by weeks derived?

23. What texts of scripture show that the patriarchs so reckoned time?



24. Could they retain the week and yet forget the Sabbath?

25. How would the facts respecting the creation, naturally, and even necessarily, become diffused among the godly of mankind?

26. What succession of holy, and probably inspired, men, spanned the whole time from Adam to Abraham?