

SEVENTH DAY – GOD’S COMPLETED WORK

The Hebrew grammar of the Seventh Day introduces a messianic prophesy. It will be given in the final point of this lesson.

This lesson will study six aspects of the Seventh Day of creation.

1. The definite article was used on only two of the seven days of creation (6th and 7th).

- 6th ha/shishi
- 7th ha/shebii – The Seventh Day is the only day of creation mentioned three times (Gen.2:2-3).

The definite article was used to show that the **6th day** was the completion of God creation work.

The definite article was used to show that **7th Day** was His rest from the completed work of creation for the habitation of man.

2. The 7th Day is the only day without the usually creation ending – “And there was evening and there was morning.”

Instead God stated that creation was “completed.”

(Gen.2:1-2) “Thus the heavens and the earth **were completed** (kalah/ pual imperfect/ 3pl) [Intensive passive incomplete state], and all their hosts.” (Gen.2:1; 1:1)

(Gen.2:2a) “By the seventh day God **completed** (kalah/ piel imperfect/3ms) [Intensive active incomplete state] His work which He had done.”

Incompleted state until: “Heaven and earth will pass away but My word will not pass away.” (Matt.24:35; Rom.8:18-27)

3. In six days, God restored the chaotic condition (tohu waw bohu) (Gen.1:2) for habitation of original creation (Gen.1:1; Isa.45:18).

The completion of God’s restoration for habitation resolved three important theological issues.

- It resolved the chaotic conditions of divine discipline resulting from Satan’s fall (Isa.14:12-15 and Ezek.28:11-19; Rev.12).
- It restored the earth for habitation of vegetation and chayah nephesh (Gen.2:1-3).
- It provided a way for mankind to enter into God infinite and eternal rest (Gen.2:1-3).

4. **The 7th Day was the only day that used the Hebrew word for work (milakal) [occupation].**

It was used three times (Gen.2:2-3).

Gen.2:2 _____

Gen.2:3 _____

5. **Three divine activities are associated with the 7th Day rather than with creation.**

- **Rested** (shabath/ Kal impf) [Incompleted rest] (Gen. 2:2)
 - God's rest is associated with the 7th Day. It was rest from occupational activity not inactivity of work.
 - Rested (kal pf/ completed rest/ Gen.2:3) – It was a rest from finished work **but not a finished rest**. This is the same idea with the finished work for redemption but not the finished redemption (John 19:30; Eph.4:30).
- **Blessed** (barak/ piel impf) [Intensive active Incompleted blessing]
 - On 5th Day, God blessed **them** (Gen.2:22). But on 7th Day, God blessed **the 7th Day**
 - (Gen.2:3). Incomplete until Christ come to complete them and 7th or Sabbath Day.
- **Sanctified** (qadash/ kal pf) [Completed sanctification]
 - God's sanctification was associated with 7th Day.

6. **The Hebrew grammar is important in the description of sanctified.**

(Gen.2:3) “Then God blessed the Seventh Day and sanctified it (direct object + pronominal 3ms suffix) [**Him**], because (ki) [causal conjunction] **in It** (preposition +3ms) [**in Him**] He rested from all His work which God had created and made.”

NOTE: There is no neuter gender (it) in the Hebrew (only masculine and feminine).

This establishes a messianic prophecy associated with the Seventh (shabath) Day. The word Sabbath comes for it (shabbath) (Ex.20:8).

The 7th or Sabbath Day pointed to the Coming of Christ (**Him**). Christ would be the way into the infinite eternal rest of God (Gen.3:15; Gal.3:16; John 14:6; Matt.11:28-29; Heb.4:1-5).

(Mark 2:27-28) “Jesus said to them, ‘The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath. So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.’”

(2 Thess.2:13) “But we should always give thanks to God for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God has chosen you from the beginning for salvation through **sanctification by the Spirit** and faith in the truth.”

(Heb.4:9) “There remains therefore a **Sabbath Rest** for the people of God.”