

# Ex 20:8 “Remember the sabbath day”

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- Gather wood **Ex 15:32f**
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## For Christians today?

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### Ex 20:8 - Remember the Sabbath Day ...

“Sabbath” = rest, cessation (not = “Saturday”)

sometimes a day of the month was designated a “sabbath” regardless of the day of the week it fell on, e.g., Lev 16:29; 23:24)

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- Engage in commerce - Neh 10:31; 13:15f; Jer 17:21f; Amos 8:5 (buy and sell; treading grapes; loading goods to be brought to the city for sale)

#### For Christians today?

7th day Adventists, and many others advocate. Some call Sunday the “Christian Sabbath” - never in the Bible

# Day of JEWISH Observance - for special people for special purpose

## Ex 16

7th day vv22-23,26,29

*FIRST observance for MAN*

v4 “test...” of faith, obedience

vv5...16-17...19-20...26-28

v28 “how long...?” week; ALL

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## Ex 16

### Setting

7th day - vv22-23,26,29

“Sabbath” not always on 7th day, but 7th day for weekly Sabbath

**FIRST observance** for MAN recorded

A test for THIS nation - v4

A test of FAITH - note commandments ... 4-5...16-17...19-20...26-28

They failed!

**Sabbatarian: v28, “how long refuse to keep my commandments”** points to past observance. Not so. Their failure to keep His commandments was demonstrated in this week. Also, it was a general test of obedience to ALL His commandments - v4

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**Dt 8:1-3**

to teach them to teach them  
that *“man does not live by  
bread alone, but man lives by  
everything that proceeds out of  
the mouth of the Lord.”*

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The time “in the wilderness” when He “fed them with manna” (Ex 16 first time - **Ex 16:15**, “What is it?”) “to know ...whether you would keep his commandments...”  
God used this event to teach them to teach them that “man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by everything that proceeds out of the mouth of the Lord.”

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**Ex 19:3...4f...20:8**

*“house of Jacob ... sons of Israel ...  
you ... you ... you...”*

- U.S. Constitution...?
- Nine other laws...?

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**Ex 19:3...4f...20:8**

19:3...4f, “house of Jacob...sons of Israel..”you...you...you...” - Ex 20:8 for **THIS** nation

**US Constitution** NOT for England!

**Other nine laws** for other people?

Yes - but NOT know it because of Ex 20! Know it because of OTHER Scriptures!

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**Dt 5:1-3**

*“with us at Horeb”* **Ex 19:2-6**

*“NOT with our fathers”* **Dt 4:37**

**NATIONAL** covenant for *Israel*  
**vv 6...12...15**

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**Dt 5:1-3**

**“with us at Horeb”** - the people being redeemed from Egypt to be God’s holy nation, **Ex 19:2-6**

**“NOT ... with our fathers”**

In fact he did make it with their biological “fathers” 40 years earlier

“fathers” = A.I.J. **Dt 4:37** - patriarchs.

*NOT a patriarchal cov.*

This a **NATIONAL cov. for the nation delivered from Egypt** - vv 6...12...15

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### Ex 31:12-17

*“sons of Israel...sign between Me  
and you...Therefore you are to  
observe the Sabbath...”*

Sabbath sanctified since creation  
(Gen 2:3)?

*Cmpr. Lincoln's birthday ...*

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### Ex 31:12-17

**“sons of Israel...sign between Me and you...Therefore you are to observe the Sabbath...”** vv13-14. See also **v17**.

Cmpr. **Lincoln's birthday**, Feb 12.

**“Sanctified” to Lincoln because it was the day he was born. “Sanctified” to USA because he was the President.** [“It has been recorded that Lincoln's Birthday was first celebrated as a holiday in 1866, one year after his death” Some states observe it as a state holiday. <<https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/us/lincolns-birthday>>. USA special recognition did not begin when he was born! So with **Sabbath**. **“Sanctified” to God because day he rested from creation, Gen 2:3.**

**“Sanctified” to Israel** with special recognition—“sign between me and you”—**because that creator God delivered them from Egypt!**

**Col 2:16-17**  
**Heb 4:9-11**

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**Col 2:16-17**

“no one to act as your judge in regard to ... Sabbath day...shadow of what to come”

**Heb 4:9-10**

**Foreshadowed our “Sabbath rest”**

**Admonition:** “Let us be diligent to enter that rest...” **v11!**