

# UNLOCKING THE MYSTERIES OF REVELATION THROUGH BIBLE PROPHECY

## 7 A Relic Discovered in the Garden of Eden

Did you know that an ancient relic has been discovered from the Garden of Eden and that Revelation told us that this relic would be found at the end of time? God shines all through the Book of Revelation as the Creator of the universe. **Revelation 10:6** speaks of “Him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and the things that are in it, the earth and the things that are in it, and the sea and the things that are in it.” **Revelation 14:7** urges us to “Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water.”

Let’s return to the book of *beginnings*, Genesis, so we can understand the book of *endings*, Revelation. God created the world in six literal days. After He created Adam and Eve on the sixth day, **Genesis 2:1** says, “Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished.” It didn’t take millions or billions of years! “For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast.” **Psalms 33:9**

But the Genesis account of creation doesn’t end there. **Genesis 2:2** continues: “On the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done.” The Creator of the universe permitted Himself the satisfaction of enjoying His completed creation. **Genesis 2:3** tells us: “Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.”

God sanctified the seventh day, setting it apart as a holy, special time to remind us of our beginnings—our roots! As long as we set aside the seventh day to worship our Creator, we’ll never lose sight of who we are, where we came from, or what our eternal destiny may be. The Sabbath is the relic from the Garden of Eden that has been lost sight of by the Christian church.

The Fourth Commandment, **Exodus 20:8-11**, repeats the Sabbath truth God had taught in Eden. “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, 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, . . . 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.”

Had men and women always remembered God’s memorial of creation, the problems so prevalent today—lack of meaning in life, identity crises—would never have arisen. The Sabbath was never intended to be confined to Israel. God gave the Sabbath to *Adam and Eve* two thousand years before there was a Jew! God didn’t restrict such a blessing to one race only. Nowhere does the Bible call the Sabbath “The Sabbath of the Jews.” In **Mark 2:27** Jesus made it clear that “The Sabbath was made for man,” meaning all mankind.

More than a memorial of creation, the Sabbath is a weekly reminder of our relationship with God, an acknowledgment of God’s divinity: “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 20:20**. And the creative power used in sanctifying—making holy—the Sabbath is the same power God uses today in sanctifying us, thus our Creator is also our Savior: “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.” **Ezekiel 20:12**.

But which day is the Sabbath? How can we be certain which day is the seventh? **Luke 23:54-24:1** mentions three consecutive days: (1) the Preparation Day, or Good Friday; (2) the first day of the week, or Easter Sunday; and (3) the day in between, or Saturday, which the Bible calls the Sabbath. There's no doubt which day was the Sabbath in Jesus' time.

Jesus faithfully kept the Sabbath as "His custom," His habitual practice. **Luke 4:16**. And He expected Christians would *still* be keeping the Sabbath forty years *after* His death, when Jerusalem was destroyed. He said in **Matthew 24:20**: "Pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath." And His followers did keep the Sabbath after the resurrection. The Book of Acts records *eighty-four* Sabbath meetings Paul held. For example, **Acts 13:42,44** says not just Jews but Gentiles worshipped with Paul on God's seventh-day Sabbath. **Isaiah 66:22-23** tells us the redeemed will celebrate the Sabbath through all eternity!

- Revelation 14:6-7** God's final message to mankind is a call to worship the Creator.
- Revelation 4:11** The basis of all worship is the fact that God created us.
- John 1:1-3, 10, 14,**  
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**Colossians 1:16** Since Jesus was the active Agent in creation, Revelation's final call to worship the Creator is a call to give honor to Jesus.
- Exodus 20:8-11** We worship Him as the Creator by keeping His Sabbath.
- Genesis 2:1-3** The Sabbath was set apart at creation: God *rested* upon the seventh day, *blessed* the seventh day, and *hallowed* it.
- Mark 2:27** Jesus said, "The Sabbath"—given to Adam and Eve 2000 years before the first Jew—"was made for man..." that is, for all mankind everywhere.
- Ezekiel 20:12 & 20** The Sabbath was established for all mankind as a twofold sign between God and His people: a sign of sanctification, and a sign of God's divine Lordship.
- Luke 4:16** Jesus always kept the Sabbath faithfully— "...as His custom was..."
- Matthew 24:20** Jesus knew Christians would keep the Sabbath in A.D. 70 at the destruction of Jerusalem—nearly 40 years *after* His death and resurrection.
- Acts 13:42, 44** The apostle Paul not only kept the Sabbath himself but also met on that day to worship God with the whole city, Jews, and Gentiles alike.
- Acts 16:13** Since there was no established Christian church in Philippi, Paul met privately in a country setting with a group of believers on the Sabbath.
- Revelation 1:10** Revelation 1:10 does not reveal which day is the Lord's Day, but Matthew 12:8, Mark 2:28, Luke 6:5, and Isaiah 58:13 do.
- Matthew 12:8** "The Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath day." If the Son of Man is "Lord" of the Sabbath, the Sabbath must be the Lord's Day.
- Luke 23:54-56, 24:1** From this passage, Sabbath is clearly Saturday, the seventh day of the week.
- Hebrews 13:8** Jesus never changes. He's "the same yesterday, today, and forever."
- Malachi 3:6** God never changes. "I am the Lord, I change not."
- Psalms 89:34** God swears never to "alter the word that has gone out of my lips." And the Ten Commandments *did* go out of His lips when He spoke them from Mt. Sinai.
- Isaiah 66:22-23** We shall keep Sabbath each week in the New Earth even as Adam and Eve kept it in the Garden of Eden.