

UNLOCKING PROPHECY #12

A Special Date with God

Set Apart

- † Genesis 2:1-2, *“Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished. ² And 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 Sabbath is Holy

- † Exodus 31:14, *“You shall keep the Sabbath, therefore, for it is holy to you. Everyone who profanes it shall surely be put to death; for whoever does any work on it, that person shall be cut off from among his people.”*
- † Exo 35:2, *“Work shall be done for six days, but the seventh day shall be a holy day for you, a Sabbath of rest to the Lord. Whoever does any work on it shall be put to death.”*

The Sabbath Goes with You

- † Leviticus 23:3, *“Six days shall work be done: but the seventh day is the Sabbath of rest, a holy convocation; ye shall do no work therein: it is the Sabbath of the LORD in all your dwellings.”*

7 Principles on How to Keep the Sabbath:

#1. The Preparation Principle – Plan for the Sabbath.

- † Exodus 16:23, *“Then he said to them, “This is what the Lord has said: ‘Tomorrow is ^ca Sabbath rest, a holy Sabbath to the Lord. Bake what you will bake today, and boil what you will boil; and lay up for yourselves all that remains, to be kept until morning.’”*
- † Luke 23:54-56, *“That day was the preparation and the Sabbath drew near. And the women who had come with Him from Galilee followed after, and they observed the tomb and how His body was laid. Then they returned and prepared spices and fragrant oils. And they rested on the Sabbath according to the commandment.”*
- † Luke 24:1, *“Now on the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they, and certain other women with them, came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared.”*

When Does the Sabbath Begin and End?

- † Leviticus 23:32, *“...from evening to evening, you shall celebrate your sabbath.”*

#2. Separation Principle - Keep the Sabbath Holy

- † Exodus 20:8, *“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work,”*
- † Exodus 20:9-11, *“But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.”*
 - **Doing business on the Sabbath:**
 - Nehemiah 13:16-19, *“Men of Tyre dwelt there also, who brought in fish and all kinds of goods, and sold them on the Sabbath to the children of Judah, and in Jerusalem. Then I contended with the nobles of Judah, and said to them, “What evil thing is this that you do, by which you profane the Sabbath day? Did not your fathers do thus, and did not our God bring all this disaster on us and on this city? Yet you bring added wrath on Israel by profaning the Sabbath. So it was, at the gates of Jerusalem, as it began to be dark before the Sabbath, that I commanded the gates to be shut, and charged that they must not be opened till after the Sabbath. Then I posted some of my servants at the gates, so that no burdens would be brought in on the Sabbath day”*

#3. The Compensation principle - Delight in it, Receive a Blessing

- † Isaiah 58:13, *“If you turn away your foot from the Sabbath, From doing your pleasure on My holy day, And call the Sabbath a delight, The holy day of the LORD honorable, And shall honor Him, not doing your own ways, Nor finding your own pleasure, Nor speaking your own words, Then you shall delight yourself in the LORD; And I will cause you to ride on the high hills of the earth, And feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father. The mouth of the LORD has spoken.”*
- † Psalms 92 is a song about the Sabbath.

#4. The Celebration Principle - Worship with Others on the Sabbath

- † Isaiah 56:6-8, *“Also the sons of the foreigner Who join themselves to the LORD, to serve Him, And to love the name of the LORD, to be His servants— Everyone who keeps from defiling the Sabbath, And holds fast My covenant— Even them I will bring to My holy mountain, And make them joyful in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices Will be*

accepted on My altar; For My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations. The Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, says, "Yet I will gather to him. Others besides those who are gathered to him."

- † Hebrews 10:24, *"And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching."*
- † Isaiah 66:22,23, *"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 to another, And from one Sabbath to another, All flesh shall come to worship before Me," says the LORD.*
 - *We will even celebrate and worship on the Sabbath in Heaven!*

#5 The Contemplation Principle - Focus on God's Creation

- † Genesis 2:2-3, *"And 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. Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made."*
- † Revelation 4:11, *"You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created."*

#6 The Restoration Principle - Bring Blessing & Healing on the Sabbath.

- † Mark 2:27, *"And He said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath."*
- † Matthew 12:8-10, *"For the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath. Now when He had departed from there, He went into their synagogue. And behold, there was a man who had a withered hand. And they asked Him, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?"—that they might accuse Him. Then He said to them, "What man is there among you who has one sheep, and if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will not lay hold of it and lift it out? Of how much more value than is a man than a sheep? Therefore, it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath."*
- † John 5- story of the man that was healed on the Sabbath. Jesus show how to truly keep the Sabbath- by blessing and healing others!

#7 The Faith-Relation Principle - Enter into God's Rest

- † Hebrews 4:9-11, *"There remains therefore a rest for the people of God. For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His. Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience."*
- † Hebrews 3:19, 4:1, 4, *"So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief. Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it..." For He has spoken in a certain place of the seventh day in this way: "And God rested on the seventh day from all His works"*

Additional Bible Texts: Amos 8:4-6, Psalms 92, John 5,