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The numbers six and seven: significant in understanding God's dealing with humanity. .

1). God created the world in Six days: rested on the 7th day (Gen 2:2-3).

Why 6days but not 1, 4, 8 or 9 days?

God used the creation story to declare the end from the beginning (Isa 46:9-10)

Creation story is the foundation for us to understand God's plan for humans

2).God gave human beings Six days to work, one day to rest.

God himself (created) worked for Six days, rested from all his work on 7th day.

God blessed the **seventh day and made it holy,**

God introduced Sabbath for the people of Israel.

Sabbath means ceasing or coming to an end of labour or activity.

(A). Manna collection: Six days: seventh day, Sabbath rest (Ex 16:26)

(B). General Work: Six days: seventh day, Sabbath rest (Ex 20:8-11; 23:12; 34: 21)

(C) The 7th Month, Tishri (Sept/Oct):A Sabbath month for Israel (Lev 16:29)

(i) First day of the seventh month: Sabbath: (Lev 23:24-25)

(ii) Tenth day of the seventh month: Sabbath:-(Day of Atonement) (Lev 23:27-32).

(iii) Fifteenth day of the seventh month to 22nd day :(Lev 23:34-36:) Feast of Tabernacles/tents, celebrated for seven days.

3). Slaves to serve for six years: Seventh year, freedom for slaves. (EX 21:1-2).)

4). Debt to be cancelled at the end of every 7th year. (Dt 15:1-6);.(Dt 15:9)

5). Land to be cultivated for Six years. Seventh year, rest for the land (EX 23:10-11) (Lev 25:1-4)

6. The Earth has been cultivated for 6, 000 years. There should be Sabbath for the land

i. From Adam to Abraham is 2000 years; 20 Generations.

ii. From Abraham to Jesus 2000 years, 55 generations.

iii. From Jesus to present is 2000 years.

In all we have 6,000 years of human life on earth.

It's time for human beings to have 1,000 years of rest.

(a) Rest promised for believers (Heb 4:1,9-10). "There remains therefore a rest for the people of God.

For he who has entered God's rest has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His (Heb 4:9-10)

(b). Believers will live and reign with Christ for 1,000 years (Rev 20:4).

(c). Earth will also have Sabbath rest: "For creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groans and labours with birth pangs until now" (Rom 8:20-22)

Human beings have been working on this earth for 6,000 years.

➤ The 6,000 years is equal to Six days. One day is as 1000 years and 1000 years is one day for the Lord (2 Pet 3:8).

➤ When Christ returns we will be with him for 1000 years.

➤ Satan will be bound during the 1000 year reign of Christ (Rev 20:2)

➤ The 1000 years with Christ is our Sabbath.

➤ After the 1000 years, Satan will be briefly release but will be arrested and cast into the lake of fire (Rev 20:10).

- When we add 6,000 +1,000 =7,000 years and God will begin a new thing, eternity.

After the 1000 years reign, White Throne judgment will come (Rev 20:11-15)

- Names not found in the Book of life will be cast into the lake of fire (Rev 20:11-15).
- Righteous believers will enter eternal life (Rev 21:1-4).
- God will start all over again. John said “I saw a new Heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away” (Rev 21:1).
- Heaven is coming down to us.
- The paradise that Adam lost is coming back to us.

The completion of 6000 years is one of the signs of the end of the age.

Note: In the NT we are not under the Sabbath as taught by some churches.

Paul says: Do not let anyone judge you with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day. These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, is found in Christ (Col 2:16-17)

The early Christians met on Sundays (Acts 20:7; 1 Cor 16:2 Jesus appeared to John on the Island on Sunday. I am a Sunday Worshipper.