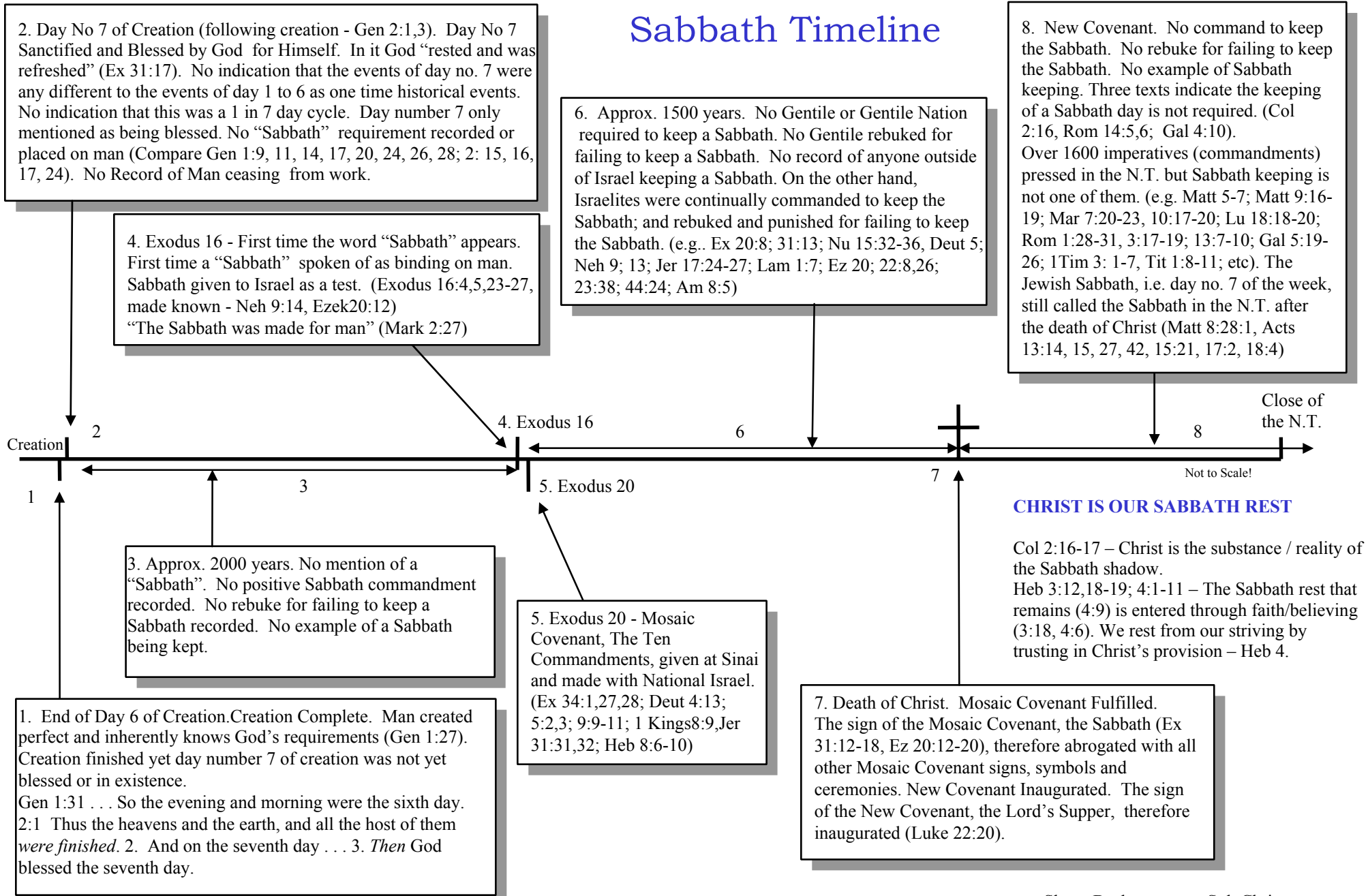


Sabbath Timeline



2. Day No 7 of Creation (following creation - Gen 2:1,3). Day No 7 Sanctified and Blessed by God for Himself. In it God “rested and refreshed” (Ex 31:17). No indication that the events of day no. 7 were any different to the events of day 1 to 6 as one time historical events. No indication that this was a 1 in 7 day cycle. Day number 7 only mentioned as being blessed. No “Sabbath” requirement recorded or placed on man (Compare Gen 1:9, 11, 14, 17, 20, 24, 26, 28; 2: 15, 16, 17, 24). No Record of Man ceasing from work.

4. Exodus 16 - First time the word “Sabbath” appears. First time a “Sabbath” spoken of as binding on man. Sabbath given to Israel as a test. (Exodus 16:4,5,23-27, made known - Neh 9:14, Ezek20:12) “The Sabbath was made for man” (Mark 2:27)

6. Approx. 1500 years. No Gentile or Gentile Nation required to keep a Sabbath. No Gentile rebuked for failing to keep a Sabbath. No record of anyone outside of Israel keeping a Sabbath. On the other hand, Israelites were continually commanded to keep the Sabbath; and rebuked and punished for failing to keep the Sabbath. (e.g.. Ex 20:8; 31:13; Nu 15:32-36, Deut 5; Neh 9; 13; Jer 17:24-27; Lam 1:7; Ez 20; 22:8,26; 23:38; 44:24; Am 8:5)

8. New Covenant. No command to keep the Sabbath. No rebuke for failing to keep the Sabbath. No example of Sabbath keeping. Three texts indicate the keeping of a Sabbath day is not required. (Col 2:16, Rom 14:5,6; Gal 4:10). Over 1600 imperatives (commandments) pressed in the N.T. but Sabbath keeping is not one of them. (e.g. Matt 5-7; Matt 9:16-19; Mar 7:20-23, 10:17-20; Lu 18:18-20; Rom 1:28-31, 3:17-19; 13:7-10; Gal 5:19-26; 1Tim 3: 1-7, Tit 1:8-11; etc). The Jewish Sabbath, i.e. day no. 7 of the week, still called the Sabbath in the N.T. after the death of Christ (Matt 8:28:1, Acts 13:14, 15, 27, 42, 15:21, 17:2, 18:4)

3. Approx. 2000 years. No mention of a “Sabbath”. No positive Sabbath commandment recorded. No rebuke for failing to keep a Sabbath recorded. No example of a Sabbath being kept.

1. End of Day 6 of Creation. Creation Complete. Man created perfect and inherently knows God’s requirements (Gen 1:27). Creation finished yet day number 7 of creation was not yet blessed or in existence. Gen 1:31 . . . So the evening and morning were the sixth day. 2:1 Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them were finished. 2. And on the seventh day . . . 3. Then God blessed the seventh day.

5. Exodus 20 - Mosaic Covenant, The Ten Commandments, given at Sinai and made with National Israel. (Ex 34:1,27,28; Deut 4:13; 5:2,3; 9:9-11; 1 Kings8:9,Jer 31:31,32; Heb 8:6-10)

7. Death of Christ. Mosaic Covenant Fulfilled. The sign of the Mosaic Covenant, the Sabbath (Ex 31:12-18, Ez 20:12-20), therefore abrogated with all other Mosaic Covenant signs, symbols and ceremonies. New Covenant Inaugurated. The sign of the New Covenant, the Lord’s Supper, therefore inaugurated (Luke 22:20).

CHRIST IS OUR SABBATH REST
 Col 2:16-17 – Christ is the substance / reality of the Sabbath shadow.
 Heb 3:12,18-19; 4:1-11 – The Sabbath rest that remains (4:9) is entered through faith/believing (3:18, 4:6). We rest from our striving by trusting in Christ’s provision – Heb 4.