

THE SABBATH OF JESUS

Notes for the Instructor

Purpose of lesson 21: This is the first of three lessons on the Sabbath. The purpose of this study is to show the eternalness of the Sabbath through five periods of time beginning with the "common ground" period from Moses to the end of the Old Testament. Second, we will look back to the pre-Sinai period; third, during the four gospels; fourth, the New Testament period of the early church; and fifth, to the time of God's eternal new earth.

Lesson 22 will concentrate on the spiritual purpose of the Sabbath and how it can mature our relation to Christ, and lesson 23 will cover the change of the Sabbath.

During the lesson itself: Keep the questions and answers in the lesson simple, attempting to clearly show the seventh-day Sabbath throughout all time. In connection with question 2, show that the Sabbath existed before sin. Also show that in connection with question 8, it will continue to exist forever after sin is forever destroyed.

You will find it helpful to discuss the theories of the "Lord's day" in connection with question 7. Establish the Scriptural position first with the texts, then discuss the theories. (See 7 BC 735, 736.)

Appeal: The basis of the appeal is in the closing note. Lessons 21-23 are designed to lead to a clear decision to keep the Sabbath of Jesus.

Illustration: Use it to make the five periods of time clear, and to show that it is truly the "Sabbath of Jesus" all the way through history.

