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twenty-first and twenty-eights correspond to the four seventh days of the month but the nineteenth is the seven times seventh day of the previous month, that is the forty-ninth day, and so it shows in the same taboos as the four sevenths of that month, the one that is the seven squared of the previous month. So as you see it is an interesting thing that the number seven occurs in this way among the Babylonians, possibly on account of the fact that they had such high regard for the seven planets; we don't know why. The number seven is one which we often find in different connections among the Babylonians, perhaps more commonly as a number than we find it among the Hebrews. There are people who go through the Old Testament and manufacture sevens where they don't find them. Back in Isaiah 11:1 where it says that the Spirit shall rest upon Him, describing the Messiah, and then it goes ahead and gives six classifications of the Spirit, and then people say there are seven spirits, because first it names the Spirit and then gives six qualifications. Well if you are going to do that way why you can get sevens anywhere you want to find them. Actually there are very few sevens in the Old Testament. There are more in the New than in the Old, but the Sabbath day is something which is not at all similar to any Babylonian festival nor is there any reason to think of a Babylonian origin for it. Did you have a question Mr.----? (Student) Of course, we don't have, I don't recall any stipulations for worship. The fact the day is sanctified and hallowed would certainly in itself involve the recognition of . It would certainly involve that. To that extent it would involve worship, but I don't recall in the pentateuch any particular stipulation for worship. We know that among the Jews by the time of Christ the synagogue service was a regular, established thing, but the synagogue service is not prescribed in the Old Testament. It is something which grew up among the people, to gather together and read the Word of God. Yes? (Student) What do they say? (Student) that He sanctified the day and hallowed it, but it doesn't necessarily in itself involve special service