

# Ezekiel 46:1

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Thus saith the Lord GOD; The gate of the inner court that looketh toward the east shall be shut the six working days; but on the sabbath it shall be opened, and in the day of the new moon it shall be opened.

## Analysis

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The east gate remained shut six working days but opened on Sabbath and new moon. This regulation emphasized Sabbath sacredness and special worship times. Regular rhythm of work and worship teaches that life alternates between ordinary and sacred times. Weekly/monthly worship structures sustained spiritual life and community identity.

## Historical Context

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Sabbath observance was central to Jewish identity, especially after exile. New moon celebrations (monthly) added regular festival rhythm. These patterns shaped covenant community life and maintained God-consciousness.

## Related Passages

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**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

## Study Questions

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1. How do regular rhythms of worship (weekly, seasonal) shape your spiritual life?
2. What role does Sabbath rest and worship play in your relationship with God?

## Interlinear Text

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הַפֶּנֶה H6437	קָדִים H6921	יְהִי H1961	סָגֹר H5462	שֵׁשֶׁת H8337	וּבִיּוֹם H3117	
that looketh	toward the east	shall be shut	the six	and in the day		
הַמַּעֲשֵׂה H4639	וּבִיּוֹם H3117	הַשַּׁבָּת H7676	יִפְתָּח H6605	וּבִיּוֹם H3117		
working	and in the day	but on the sabbath	it shall be opened	and in the day		
הַחֹדֶשׁ הַנֶּחָדָשׁ H2320	יִפְתָּח H6605					
of the new moon	it shall be opened					

## Additional Cross-References

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**Isaiah 66:23** (References Lord): And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD.

**Exodus 20:9** (Parallel theme): Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: