

## 創造の第7日

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**ABSTRACT** Tadahiro MATSUMOTO, “The Seventh Day of Creation.” Genesis 2:1 is the conclusion of the creation account described in 1:1-31 and corresponds to 1:1, thus constituting an *inclusio*. At the same time, 2:1 serves as an introduction to the account of the seventh day of creation. In other words, 2:1 is what H. van Dyke Parunak calls a “hinge” which links 1:1-31 and 2:1-3.

The seventh day of creation is a special day which is distinguished from the first six days and hence it is described in a different manner. It uses the epic style of repetition and climax, without the formula which announces the end of the day. However, the lack of the formula does not necessarily support the conclusion that the end of the seventh day hasn't arrived. Hebrew 4:1-10 explains the rest of salvation which God gives to man by using the account in Gen 2:1-3, while Gen 2:1-3 itself simply emphasizes the total completion of his creative activity, not God's “rest”. The seventh day of creation is the day to bless God who completed his creation and on which God himself is proud of his creation and exhibits his glory.