

Introduction: MUST WE KEEP THE SABBATH?

Many people in the religious world today do not believe that the Sabbath is to be observed under the New Covenant. Truly, these people are correct in asserting that we are now under the New Covenant.¹ However, what these individuals often miss is that the New Covenant is defined in Scripture as a covenant of obedience to Biblical law (Hebrews 8:8-10).

While Scripture is clear on what the New Covenant actually is, people still have the tendency to believe that because we are under grace, obedience is not needed. This is a teaching that is in gross error. Grace is not to be used as a license to sin (Romans 6:1). We are not to continue in sin because we are not under law but under grace (Romans 6:14-15). The grace of YHWH² teaches us to obey the law and perform righteousness (Titus 2:11-14).

After the death, burial, and resurrection of Messiah, the true followers of YHWH continued to observe His sacred appointments. They did not view Messiah's death as the stopping point of YHWH's yearly, monthly, and weekly celebrations. These times commemorated great and mighty events of YHWH in the past, such as the creating and making of the heavens and earth, the rest after six working days, and the deliverance of the Israelites from the land of Egypt. We ask that you look up the passages in the New Covenant writings, after the death of Messiah, showing that these days were still observed by the true worshipers (Luke 23:54-56; Acts 2:1; 13:42-44; 15:19-21; 18:21; 20:16; 24:11; 27:9; Colossians 2:16-17).

Although it is not the intent of this booklet to engage in a lengthy explanation of the law of YHWH in relationship to the New Covenant, these verses should make it clear that holy days, new moons, and Sabbaths continued to be observed by the early followers of the Messiah, i.e. the New Covenant Assembly of YHWH. May YHWH bless us all in being obedient to His commandments (1 John 2:3-6; Revelation 22:14).

¹ 2 Corinthians 3:6; Hebrews 8:6-12, 9:15-17; 10:15-16.

² YHWH is the personal, proper name of the Creator. This name is restored to its rightful place in Scripture and writing throughout this book.

Chapter One: AFFIRMING THE PROPOSITION

The evidence provided here will prove that the true weekly Sabbath of the Scriptures is to be observed on the same days of the moon in each individual month. This method of Sabbath observance is not one based upon the Julian or Gregorian Calendars roaming the earth today, but rather upon the original heavenly calendar established by the Creator of the heavens and earth, ages ago. These weekly Sabbaths fall on set or fixed days of the moon, namely the 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th.

We have personally pinpointed seventy-two weekly Sabbath days, observed by the holy men and women of old, and each one of them follows this method of the lunar cycle.³ This is no coincidence, and the reason for this happening is that **the day of the new moon was never counted when counting out the six working days of the week.** The new moon festival is a worship day all by itself, and is not to be counted as one of the six working days. This we shall delve into later in our study.

Many people have recognized the truth that the Scriptural months were originally determined by the moon and did not consist of 31, 30, or 28 day arbitrary months. However, most have failed to recognize that the same holds true for the week. It too does not consist of an arbitrary count of 1-7, but is linked to the phases of the moon. All we ask you to do is read the presentation given in this book, seeing that the truth is sometimes stranger than fiction.

The gate of the inner court of YHWH which looked toward the east was to be (and will be in the future) shut during the six workdays of the week, but this same gate was to be open on the day of the Sabbath and the day of the new moon.

Ezekiel 46:1,3

Thus saith the Master YHWH; 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. Likewise the people of the land shall worship at the door of this gate before YHWH in the Sabbaths and in the new moons.

As the passage states, the day of the new moon was not an ordinary working day. The prophet Ezekiel, speaking by the inspiration of YHWH, tells us it is not counted as one of the six workdays, but instead is separate and distinct from both the working days and the weekly Sabbath. The day of the new moon was to be a day of worship to YHWH, not only then (and now), but also at a future time in the new heavens and new earth wherein dwells righteousness (2 Peter 3:13).

Isaiah 66:22-23

For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith YHWH, so shall your seed and your name remain. And it shall come to pass, *that*

³ Each time in Scripture that we find a weekly Sabbath on, let's say, the 15th day of the moon/month, by default this means that the 8th, 22nd, and 29th days of that same month are also weekly Sabbaths. This would account for 4 pin-pointed Sabbaths. We believe that we have found a total of at least 72 pin-pointed Sabbaths on these specific lunar days. This means we have found a total of 18 places where a weekly Sabbath day can be found on either the 8th, 15th, 22nd, or 29th day of a particular moon/month.

from one new moon to another, and from one Sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith YHWH.

In this true Sabbath reckoning you will have (1) the day of the new moon, which is (2) followed by six working days. The six working days are then followed by the seventh day Sabbath. This working day - Sabbath sequence occurs four times each month and then re-starts itself with the day of the new moon. We hope that you now have at least a primary understanding of that which we shall do our best to teach in this book. In examining the evidence set forth here, you will see that the true Sabbath comes after the six working days and that the day of the new moon is not one of these six working days. It is very exciting to read all of the inspired examples in Scripture of this true Sabbath. These examples are found in the oldest history book on earth, and the only one inspired at that.

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Questions and Answers

Q: Does Scripture say that the Julian or Gregorian calendars are for YHWH's appointments?

A: No.

Q: Does Scripture say that the heavenly lights, including the moon, are for YHWH's appointments?

A: Yes - Genesis 1:14-18; Psalm 104:19.

Q: Are there any examples in Scripture of anyone keeping a weekly Sabbath on any other day than the 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th days of the moon?

A: No.

Q: Did anyone in Scripture keep the weekly Sabbath on the 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th days of the moon?

A: Yes, everyone, as we will prove in this study.

Q: If there is no proof of a Sabbath on any other day than by the moon, does Scripture say to prove all things?

A: Yes - 1 Thessalonians 5:21.

Q: Does Scripture teach that the traditions of men would make the commandments of YHWH of none effect?

A: Yes - Matthew 15:6; Mark 7:13.

Q: Was the Old Testament written for our example?

A: Yes - 1 Corinthians 10:6-11.

Q: Are all examples of weekly Sabbath keeping found to be on the 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th days of the moon?

A: Yes, without exception.

Q: Is all of this in YHWH's law?

A: Yes.

Q: If someone turns their ear from hearing the law, will their prayer be an abomination?

A: Yes - Proverbs 28:9.

Q: Is there any record in Scripture of any days or appointments being kept by a manufactured arbitrary count?

A: No.

Q: Is there any record in Scripture of the heavenly calendar, ordained by YHWH being used for the weekly Sabbath?

A: Yes, many examples.

Q: Is the moon to be used for determining festivals?

A: Yes, Genesis 1:14-18; Psalm 104:19.

Q: Is the Sabbath a festival?

A: Yes - Leviticus 23:3.

Q: Am I saying that the calendar in use today is a later invention of man?

A: Yes, it had to be if it cannot be found in Scripture.

Q: Are there any historical documents proving the weeks to have been originally by the moon?

A: Yes. The Universal Jewish Encyclopedia and the Jewish Encyclopedia both state the Sabbath was originally observed by the moon. In addition, men of antiquity, such as Philo the Judahite or Clement of Alexandria state the week to have been associated with the moon.

Q: What are the strongest points for the Sabbath based upon the lunar cycle?

A: Genesis 1:14, Psalm 104:19, Leviticus 23:3, Ezekiel 46:1, and all the inspired examples in Scripture where the Sabbaths are pinpointed on set days of the moon.

Q: What are the strongest points for continuing in the Julian/Gregorian calendar "Sabbath"?

A: There are none.

Q: Did the Jews (Judahites) keep up with the Sabbath?

A: No. YHWH caused them to forget it (Lamentations 2:6). The Israelites had also forgotten it in Egypt, seeing that YHWH had to make it known to Moses (Exodus 16).