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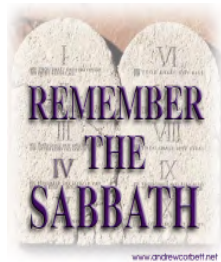
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Does it make a difference which day you worship God or when the Sabbath day really is? Does the Bible establish what we know to be Saturday or Sunday as the “Lord’s Day?” The answer to these questions can only be found by searching the pages of your Bible for what God himself has to say about the Sabbath Day. One of the most convincing passages in the Bible pointing to the true day for worshipping YHWH (God) is found in Genesis 2:3, **“And YHWH blessed the seventh day and sanctified it; because in it, he had rested from all his work which YHWH had made.”** It is apparent, from this piece of scripture that YHWH has specifically set this day, the Sabbath, apart from all other days as a sacred day in commemoration of His rest from creation. The word Sabbath means to rest, desist from exertion, the day of complete cessation, making to cease.

A Sign Between YHWH and Israel



Later in the Biblical story in the book of Exodus, YHWH gave the law covenants to Moses on Mount Sinai and he enjoined the weekly Sabbath as well as a system of Sabbaths upon the Israelites. The Israelites observed the Sabbath on the seventh day of the week (Saturday) not the first day

(Sunday). Exodus 20:11 says, “YHWH blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it, meaning “to make holy”. On this holy day, the Israelites were commanded not to work and in addition were to come together in holy convocation to take in the knowledge of YHWH. In other words, they met for church. In Exodus 31:13, YHWH spoke to Moses saying,

“Verily my Sabbaths shall you keep, for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that you may

60:21) and shall blossom and bud to fill the earth with spiritual and natural fruit (Isaiah 27:6).

“...and the strangers shall be joined with them, and they shall cleave to the house of Jacob. And the people (Children of Israel) shall take them (Gentiles and the other nations), and bring them to their place: and the house of Israel shall possess them in the land of the Yahweh (the LORD) for servants and handmaids: and they shall take them captives, whose captives they were; and they shall rule over their oppressors.” (Isaiah 14:2)

But, Israel will not treat the nations as slaves but as their servants. The nations of the earth will all serve the Children of Israel and love it because mankind will finally have peace and rest from wickedness. All that see Israel shall acknowledge them, that they are the seed which the Yahweh hath blessed.

Also the....“***...land that was desolate is become like the garden of Eden; and the waste and desolate and ruined cities are become fenced, and are inhabited.***” Ezekiel 36:35



So, the earth will be rejuvenated and rest from destruction during this time. Also, the animals will be at peace with each other. This is how the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and how the cow and the lion will feed together. The beast will not prey upon each other, because the lion will eat straw like an ox. So, we can see that the animals will rejoice and have peace in the millennial kingdom as well.

Oh, What A Time!!!

Rest and Peace Through Israel

*And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious. And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Adonai shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people (House of Israel), which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea. And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth. The envy also of Ephraim shall depart, and the adversaries of Judah shall be cut off: Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not vex Ephraim.” **Isaiah 11:10-13***

*“Then the Adonai Elohim will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel his fellows, and will put them with him, even with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they shall be one in mine hand....Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land: And I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king to them all: and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all. Neither shall they defile themselves any more with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions: but I will save them out of all their dwelling places, wherein they have sinned, and will cleanse them: so shall they be my people, and I will be their Elohim (God). **Ezekiel 37:19-23***

For the duration of the Millennial Kingdom or the Sabbatical Year (1000 years), Israel shall be all righteous (Isaiah

know that I am YHWH that do sanctify you.” In verses 15 and 17, YHWH tells the children to “Observe the Sabbath day throughout your generations, for a perpetual covenant...It is a sign between me and the children of Israel FOREVER.”

Christ himself kept the Sabbath including all of the laws of God which was his custom. In fact, Yahshua the Messiah, who in Mark 2:28 was called “Lord of the Sabbath” said in **Mathew 5:17-18**,

“Think not that I... come to destroy, but to fulfill. For verily I say unto you, till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in now wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.”

The Apostles Kept the Sabbath

With his birth, death, and resurrection as the son of YHWH, Christ fulfilled his portion of the law which he spoke. It is evident in several places in the book of Acts that well after Yahshua’s death, his disciples were still keeping the Sabbath. For example, Acts 13:42-44 reveals that almost 15 years after the death of the Messiah, His disciples still kept the Sabbath.

Acts 17:2 speaks of the Apostle Paul who taught the Gentiles (Europeans), “As his manner was, went in unto them and **three Sabbath days** reasoned with them out of the scriptures.” In Hebrews 4:9-10 Paul points out,

“The Sabbath remains as a rest for the people of Elohim (God) and he that enter into rest ceases from his own work as did YHWH.”

Obviously, this means that even today, all people who serve the God of Israel should be keeping the Sabbath, commandments and laws written in the first five

books of the Bible. Undoubtedly, violation of any of YHWH's commandments, including the Sabbath day, as prescribed by the holy word of YHWH is sin. Most people have at least heard of the Ten Commandments popularized by movies, etc. However, if you don't know the commandments, you probably are unaware that the Fourth Commandment clearly states in Exodus 20:8, "**Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.**"

If you believe that the law covenant applied only to the Israelites and not to the "Christians" who today are under "the blood of Christ", you probably should re-examine your beliefs and where they come from. It is true that Christ's blood was shed to atone for the sins of mankind, however, it is important to understand that Christ replaced the works of the law pertaining to animal sacrifice not the law itself. Instead of an animal sacrifice, you now rely on faith in Christ and his blood to cover our sins. Using the New Testament as an example, there are many places that confirms the law code being in effect during Christ's lifetime and even after his death.

In James 2:10-11, it says, "*For whosoever shall keep the whole law and yet offend in one point, he is guilty in all. For he that said, do not commit adultery, said also, do not kill, now if you kill, you become a transgressor of the law.*"

This quote from the book of James wonderfully illustrates that even if you keep 9 of the 10 Commandments, it is not good enough because you still become a transgressor of the law.

To eliminate any misunderstanding about what constitutes sin, that it is not arbitrary or left up to man's discretion, 1 John 3:4 says, "**Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law; for sin is the transgression of the law.**" More New testament evidence of the law code is found in 1 John 2:1, which begins with: "*My little chil-*

"But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the Yahweh (the LORD) shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it. And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Yahweh (the LORD), and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid: for the mouth of the Yahweh of hosts hath spoken it."



"The wolf will live with the lamb..." (Isa. 11:6)

The prophet Isaiah confirms this in **Isaiah 11:6-9...**

"The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Yahweh (the LORD), as the waters cover the sea."

The Sabbath was intended to be a joyous, spiritually upholding time. YHWH's words spoken by Isaiah the prophet are

“If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my Holy day; and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of YHWH, honourable; and shall honour him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words; then shall thou delight thyself in YHWH; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of YHWH has spoken it.” (Isa 58:13-14)



The Millennial Kingdom

2 Peter 3:8 says... But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Adonai as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The millennial kingdom is a 1000 year time period that Yahshua the Messiah, King of Israel, will rule in complete peace on the earth. In scripture, this time is referred to as the last days. The Millennial Kingdom is a time of peace and prosperity for mankind, and a rejuvenation for the earth. This is why **Isaiah 14:7-8 states this,**

“The whole earth is at rest, and is quiet: they break forth into singing. Yea, the fir trees rejoice at thee, and the cedars of Lebanon, saying, Since thou art laid down, no feller is come up against us.”

And also why **Micah 4:1-4** says...

dren, these things I write unto you, that you sin not.” In verses 3 through 5, John expresses,

“And hereby we know him, if we keep his commandments. He that saith, I know Him (Christ) and keepeth not His commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whosoever keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of YHWH perfected; hereby know we that we are in him.”

There is so much biblical evidence that unmistakably points to the Sabbath occurring on what we know to be Saturday (the 7th day). One might naturally question why so many Christian people go to church on Sunday (the 1st day). To understand how and why most Christians worship contrary to the Fourth Commandments you must examine history.

Man Made Sabbath



In 321 A.D., Christianity was adopted as the legal religion of Rome by emperor Constantine. It is important to note the word “Christian” was first coined by the Gentiles at Antioch. At that time the term was used to differentiate those Jews and proselytes who were followers of Christ from those who were not. After

Rome officially adopted what we know to be “Christianity” through a series of councils over many years, the Roman Catholic Church changed the original doctrine of the Jews. Chief among the changes was the Sabbath Day from Saturday to Sunday.

From the Council of Laodicea, 363 A.D, came this decree quoted from the Nicene and Post-Nicene Father, Volume XVI: ***Christians must not judaize by resting on the Sabbath, but must work on that day, rather than hon-***

oring the Lord's day." When you consider that Constantine himself was a sun worshipper and that Roman citizens worshipped a pantheon of pagan gods, it is not surprising that Sunday (referred to as *Venerabili die solis, meaning Venerable day of the sun*) replaced the Sabbath as their day of worship.

Although the historical evidence regarding the change of the Sabbath is proof that this was of man and not of God, many Christians refer to the resurrection of Christ on the first day of the week as the reason for Sunday worship. It is true that Yahshua rose on the first day of the week, however, there is not Biblical precedence to keep the first day of the week as the Sabbath. The first day (Sunday) is just as any another day in which work and other normal duties of life were carried out.

Luke 24:1 reports, "**Now upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulcher, bringing the spices which they had prepared and certain others with them.**"

This same event is recorded by Matthew and Mark and it shows that after having rested on the Sabbath day according to the commandment, that the first day of the week is simply a common work day! In the chapter and verse just before this it says, "And they returned and prepared spices and ointments and rested the Sabbath day according to the commandment."

It is evident by this verse that even the Jews that were followers of the Messiah kept this commandment and thus all of the law even after his death. As the Apostle Paul so poignantly said, "*Know ye not, brethren, how that the law hath dominion over a man as long as he liveth?*" There is more than one instance where the Europeans changed the holy things of YHWH given to the children of Israel. The Romans disregarded YHWH's law regarding the Sabbath day as well as all the other Holy days written

in Leviticus chapter 23. How can YHWH and his Anointed judge the world without a common standard? The Israelites were bound by covenant to keep these forever. According to the New Covenant written in Jeremiah 31 and confirmed in Hebrews 8:7-13, YHWH said, ***I will write my law in their hearts and in their minds will I write them; And I will be their God and they shall be my people.***"



The desisting from all labor and observing other God-given Sabbath requirements not only gave rest to the body, but more importantly, provided opportunity for the individual to demonstrate his faith and obedience to teach God's laws and commandments in the minds and hearts of their

children (Deut.6:4-9). The Sabbath was customarily occupied to taking in knowledge of God and attending to spiritual needs. The Levites who were scattered throughout the land took advantage of the Sabbath to teach the law to the people of Israel. Deut 33:8-10; Lev 10:11.

It was important for individual Israelites to remember to keep the Sabbath because its violation was rebellion against YHWH and punished by death (Ex.31:14-15; Num 15:32-36). The same principle applied to the nations. Their observing the entire Sabbath system, days, and years, in a whole hearted way was a vital factor to their continued existence as a nation.

Jer. 17:27...

"But if you will not hearken unto me to hollow the Sabbath day, and not to bear a burden, even entering in at the gates of Jerusalem on the Sabbath day; then will I kindle a fire in the gates thereof, and it shall devour the places of Jerusalem, and it shall not be quenched."