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THE DAY OF YAHWEH

"Yahweh is a spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and truth.
John 4:24.

Before you read this booklet, start with a prayer to our Savior and Master, Yahshua Messiah, and ask that He and the Kodesh Spirit open your heart to see the truth in the scriptures. Come to Him in Spirit and Truth. Halleluyah

In these last days, it is more important than ever to come before the throne of Yahweh with boldness and knowing that we are in His righteousness and His will. (Hebrews 4:16) Many today have changed the truth of how Yahweh actually wants us to worship; one assembly in particular has even changed the Commandments of Yahweh to fit its desires. (Daniel 7:25)

Yahshua said to the hypocrites, if you did not listen to Moses, then you will not listen to Me! If we reject the teaching of Yahshua, how can we listen to men of Yahweh who come with spiritual truth? You should know the truth... "for the sheep follow Him: for they know His voice." (John 10:4) Keep your eyes on Messiah, to find the way ... the way to the Kingdom. He is the Light, the Truth, and the Way. No man comes unto the Father except by Him. Think about it. If we do not do what He says..."Keep my Commandments"... how do we come unto Yahshua? How do we love Him or show love for Him? Do you doubt that the Sabbath is a Commandment? Look up the verses here for yourself. If we do not keep the weekly Sabbath, He will not let us keep the millennial Sabbath! He says, Remember!! He told some, "Ye do resist the holy spirit". (Romans 13:2) Scribes and Pharisees kept the Sabbath...but Yahshua said that unless your righteousness exceeds that of the Pharisees, you will not enter into the Kingdom of Heaven. This means that the spirit of sincerity must be there, also, along with keeping the commandments.

Yes, the Sabbaths were given at creation as a great benefit and reward. Men who kept them and the covenant subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, stopped the mouths of lions, and waxed valiant in battle. Women received their dead sons back to life. Others were tortured, beaten, stoned, shipwrecked, sawn asunder, or slain by the sword, and were destitute, afflicted, tormented, or hid in caves... of whom all the world was not worthy. (Hebrews 11:33)

How can we call upon the name of Yahweh ... for Him to hear us, if we do not hear Him? ... if we turn our ear away from the Law, even our prayer is an abomination. (Proverbs 28:9) Read Proverbs 14:12. This paper is not the personal agenda of a vain man. Use this as a study guide.... Look up all the verses for yourself.

Matthew 5:17, I HAVE NOT COME TO DESTROY THE LAW.

John 14:15, IF YOU LOVE ME, KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS.

John 3:16, HE THAT BELIEVES IN HIM SHALL HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE.

Matthew 24:29 PRAY THAT YOUR FLIGHT IS NOT ON THE SABBATH.

It is true that most assemblies are deceiving the flock about Yahweh's Word. Most "Christians" say they are comfortable where they are.... Are you sure about what your ministers are teaching? Are you afraid to risk leaving an organization? Are you afraid that your friends will leave you? I tell you now that these are worldly traps!! Paul said we should listen to Yahweh rather than men. Are you comfortable thinking that Yahshua may have only made one day holy and you are worshiping on another day? Know that thousands died to worship and uphold the Sabbath, and you are sitting in a sun/day pew.

Acts 20:29-30 says that grievous wolves shall enter in among you, not sparing the flock. We must search the Scriptures daily for the way Yahweh has asked us to worship Him. Did not Yahshua teach the disciples how to pray? (Luke 11:1-4) He also laid down easy-to-follow instructions of how to worship Him. He does expect us, if we love Him, to follow these instructions perfectly. (John 14:15) "For this is the love of Yahweh, that we keep His commandments..." (I John 5:3) What are these instructions?

Yahshua said in the Scriptures, by the Spirit, that all must worship Him in spirit and truth. Also, he that keepeth His Commandments dwelleth in Him and He in him. (I John 3:24) The first four of the spoken and written Commandments show how to worship Messiah and the Father. They are stated early in His word in Exodus 20:1-17. Today, we will look at the fourth directive Yahshua gave to us. It is a critical Commandment. Why? It identifies who our true Elohim is! **THE CREATOR OF THE HEAVEN AND EARTH!!** It also states the day we are to really keep! He comes to you right here and tells you what He wants...of you.

It is critical that you receive the love of the truth in this message. If you do not worship on the proper day, you are in spiritual trouble and spiritual danger! It is simple ...If you do not worship on His day, you are not worshiping Him ...the Creator. (John 5:46, Matthew 22:44, and Hebrews, Chapters 1 and 2) If you love Him, you will keep His Commandments!! Read Proverbs 28:9...If you turn away from Him, will he hear your prayers?

We will now look at why this one special day is of such deep meaning to the true Believer. We will examine three critical areas to the understanding of the Sabbath (Saturday). First, what day is the Sabbath and did Yahweh really establish it as kodesh? Second, why is the Sabbath so important and how is it woven in our worship of Yahshua and the Father? Third, how does the Sabbath fit into His salvation plan for all men? No, our salvation is not based on works; we know it is laid in grace. Nevertheless, salvation is required for the Kingdom. Send for our free booklet, **FAITH THAT DOES NOT SAVE!**

Our salvation is based on a personal relationship with Yahshua. In Matthew 3, Yahshua said, "I know you not..." then the door was shut. It is simple: He loved us first while we were yet sinners; now we love Him and do what He asks. Why do not all churches keep the seventh day? Is the Sabbath just a Jewish tradition? Is it better to keep every day? Does it really matter? On the other hand, are you comfortable where you are? How many reasons are there for keeping this day? Did Messiah give us a perfect example? Are you concerned about your salvation? Do you want to please Yahshua that died just for you? Read on now in prayer and fasting, seeking the One who made you...Revelation 14:4.

WORSHIP IN CHRISTIANITY TODAY

When we are "comfortable where we are", it is difficult to see the truth. Sin is deceiving!! We say that we are comfortable with our life-style, our church and friends, and do not want to change. To deny the Word of Yahweh in this context is willful sin!! Take another look at these verses. To understand the Sabbath and turn from it is rebellion! Isaiah 17:23 says that rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft! This is the original sin of Satan! We know that these are strong words, but this is a critical component in your spiritual health and spiritual welfare. If we do not keep the Sabbath, we worship in vain! (Matthew 7:7-9) He says that our hearts are far from Him! (Matthew 15:9) Remember. His Words are life. (John 6:63)

DECEPTION OF TODAY

The churches of today are deceived in two main points. First, they teach that Sunday is Yahweh's day. They set themselves over Yahweh. In 364 AD, the Catholic Church, under Emperor Constantine, changed the Sabbath to Sunday (sun-day). [*The Convert's Catechism of Catholic Doctrine*, pg. 50, third Ed.] We find Constantine was a pagan sun worshiper. Whether he was actually converted to Christianity is unclear. [Companion Bible, pub. 1990, Kregel, Inc.] Second, the Sunday churches will teach and preach in vain that we are saved by grace and we need to do nothing else in the matter except believe and be baptized. Yes, faith and salvation are gifts from Yahweh, but we still must be in His will and obey Him. Read Ephesians 2:15. We see that in the end times that false ministers will arise and many will be deceived. (I John 4:1) They will scatter the sheep. Many today are leaving the churches because they are not being taught the truth or being prepared for the end times shortly to be upon us. If you open your Bible and start with an open mind and right spirit, you will see that Satan has hidden three important points concerning the Law.

First, without the Law, there is no sin! (Romans 3:20; 7:7). And that we need the cleansing blood of Yahshua. Second, the Law, and the Covenant it is found in, tells us how to worship the Creator. Third, the fourth Commandment tells us that the Creator is the one that we are worshipping. (Exodus 20:11) Finally, the Word of Yahweh says that the Law is not grievous (it is not a burden). (I John 5:3, Romans 7:12, and Proverbs 29:18) In addition, obedience to His Word and Commandments brings great blessing! Satan would like to take this Kingdom away from us.

Without the Law and Commandments, we lose sight of what Yahweh's will is for us. We lose perspective of what sin is and how dangerous it is! We fail to see even who spoke to Moses. (I Corinthians 10:4) Yahweh says that His people perish for lack of knowledge. (Hosea 4:6) Read and Study these things ... [Are you just glancing over these pages?] Breaking the Fourth Commandment is also breaking all the rest!! (I Peter 2:10) Without true repentance and change, the penalty for sin is death! (Romans 6:23, James 1:15)

WHO IS IT YOU REALLY SERVE?

Who is it that you really serve? Is it the real Yahshua? Yahweh never changes. (Hebrews 13:8) He stated all we are to do in the Covenant. Exodus chapters 20-24, inclusive. His New Covenant is not found in the New Testament or all the Commandments. Why? Because nothing

was changed for the people except that animal sacrifices were done away with by the shedding of Yahshua's blood! That is why what was written before was written for us. (Romans 15:4) This is the Elohim you serve...the Elohim of the original Testament, "Who is" before...now Yahshua Messiah! The better covenant Yahshua promised is improved because it is sealed in His blood and allows us now to go directly to the Father. (Hebrews Chapter 8)

There is much more in the Sabbath! Did you know that it is one of the spiritual signs unto His real people? (Exodus 31:12-17) Did you know that the Sabbath is NOT JEWISH! Let us again go back to the previous Testament. In Genesis 2:1, Yahweh rested from all His work and made one extra day on which to rest. He MADE IT, then confirmed it KODESH; then SANCTIFIED IT; then BLESSED it! These are powerful words!! To bless something is to make it divinely favored...bestow good upon...IT IS A GIFT TO THOSE WHO WILL RECEIVE IT AND HIM!! Yahweh blesses us on that day with spiritual food and a closer relationship with Him! He SANCTIFIED only that day. Sanctify means to SET APART FOR KODESH USE... Friend that is you and I if we keep His commandments! NO OTHER DAY IS KODESH, NOR CAN IT BE!! (EXCEPT ANNUAL SABBATHS)

Please understand where we are up to now. Only the day that He hallowed is kodesh. Man cannot make anything or any day kodesh! This is profound truth! He also says: "For where two or three are gathered together in My name, there I am in the midst of them." (Matthew 18:20) His "name" is His character. (Name is Strong's #8034 (Hebrew), which means character.) Friends, this has deep implication for worship! If we are gathered on another day, will he want to be in the midst of it? I think not! His name is His character ... what he stands for! He does not stand for Sunday. If we gather on another day, He sees our rebellion against what He is and His desires for us.

What about worship in the beginning? Adam and Eve had no sin until the fall at the tree of GOOD and EVIL. Ask a question here. If Yahweh rested on the seventh day, do you think that Adam and Eve worked on the seventh day? ...We do not think so. Why would Yahweh make a special day of rest, blessing, and then not share it with the man and the woman, His special creation...created in Their image? (Genesis 1:26)

We look further into Genesis, and we see in Chapters six, Eight, and Nine that Noah found grace in the eyes of Yahweh, and was perfect in his generations and walked with Yahweh. That means that Noah was obedient to Yahweh's Word. And that means the first five books Yahweh gave to Moses, Noah already obeyed. If Noah had not kept the seventh day, Yahweh would have repented about making him and his family, too! Yahshua gave Noah personal instructions for construction of the ark. (The ark was personal salvation for the only family that would be left on earth.) Yahweh also spoke to Noah about obedience, for obedience is salvation before the Most High!

Abraham, in Genesis 12, was such a righteous man and blessed in the sight of Yahweh that he became the father of all nations. (Genesis 26:4) In verse 5, we see that he kept Yahweh's Commandments, Statutes, and Laws. Abraham had the Decalogue (10 Commandments). Do you think that he did not keep the Sabbath? Yahweh never changes. (Malachi 3:6, Hebrews 13:8, and James 1:17) When Yahshua said in Luke 4:4, that we live by every Word of Yahweh, He was reciting Deuteronomy 8:3 again... and referring to the Covenant and the Ten Commandments (in

fact, the whole Bible)! The New Testament was not written yet. All Yahshua had was the Old Testament from which to preach the Good News. We see now that the work of the Creator stands...the Old Testament is not old!!

THE OLD BECOMES NEW

The written Law that was given to Moses after the children of Israel were brought out of Egypt is simple and direct. And the Sabbath was there as we have seen. In Exodus 19:8 and Exodus 24:7, the people said, "...All that Yahweh has said we will do..." Then the people were sprinkled with blood to seal the agreement. That agreement is called THE COVENANT. The blood of the Covenant and blood of the sacrifices were made perfect in Yahshua. (Hebrews 10:1-10) In verse 16, we see why the Covenant and Decalogue are not in the New Testament. They are already in the Old Testament and Yahshua said He would write them in our hearts. "THINK NOT THAT I AM COME TO DESTROY THE LAW, OR THE PROPHETS: I AM NOT COME TO DESTROY BUT FULFILL. FOR VERILY I SAY TO YOU, TILL, HEAVEN AND EARTH PASS, ONE JOT OR ONE TITTLE SHALL IN NO WISE PASS FROM THE LAW, TILL ALL BE FULFILLED." (Matthew 5:17-18) (The word fulfill is #4137 in Strongs, and is to make perfect or verify.) When we include Matthew 5:17-18 in our understanding, it is clear to see that the original Words of Yahweh given to Moses are still in effect. Only the animal sacrifices are canceled. The Bible says that all shall pass away before His words shall pass away. (Matthew 24:35)

There are a few critical words here that we need to understand and dwell on, found in Exodus 19:9. We are to believe the writing of Moses FOREVER! (Deuteronomy 7:9) Yahshua states repeatedly that He will be merciful to those who keep His Words...Commandments...unto a thousand generations. (Deuteronomy 8:19-20) ALL HIS WORDS WILL REMAIN UNTIL HEAVEN AND EARTH PASS AWAY!! Does it sound like He is serious? How long is a thousand generations? 20,000 years?

OUR PERSONAL CHOICE

In Exodus 16, we see an extensive series of miracles concerning the manna. Some people who read the Bible as a simple story think that the manna was only given as food. That is as far as their understanding goes. Look closer. Moses went to Yahweh after the Israelites murmured in the wilderness. The people were ready to kill Moses unless more substance was given to them. Yahweh, Yahshua, in His wisdom, decided to use food to teach the Sabbath and a week of obedience. (Man does not live by bread alone, but by every Word that proceeds out of the mouth of Yahweh. Luke 4:4.)

Manna was only given in the morning, and only six days a week. This is a miracle each day! Second, they could not collect it on the Sabbath, for there was none. Third, if they left it over from the previous day, it would breed worms and stink. But, on the preparation day, Friday, they were to gather twice as much to carry over through the Sabbath. On the Sabbath, it would not spoil! However, if they went out on the Sabbath to gather, there was none. This was also considered breaking the Commandment. Are you impressed yet? WAIT! All of Israel was only to gather an ephah, about a quart. But, for a large man the amount kept increasing as he ate. For one whose requirements were less, the amount diminished. As a result, none was ever left over

from one day to the next. This went on for forty years as clockwork. For all that time in the wilderness there was no variance. Yahweh is faithful and consistent. (Neither their shoes nor their clothes wore out all that time.) When we count all these events, we see that Yahweh created over 18,000 miracles to teach the people the Sabbath. But, in Exodus 16:28, He is angry... for the people continued to go out on the Sabbath and look for food! Finally, Yahweh gave a direct order to stop breaking the Sabbath!! We see in this verse that the Sabbath was part of the Commandments, and it still is today!!

THE NEW TESTAMENT SABBATH

Yahshua, our perfect example; upheld the New Testament Sabbath and it was kept by the apostles. I have heard it said that Yahshua kept some laws because they were just Jewish tradition. NOT SO!! Yahshua was perfect; He did not sin, and He did not respect one person over another. (Acts 10:34) In Matthew 3:15, when Yahshua was baptized, He said it was done to fulfill all righteousness. Yahshua also said that He could only do what the Father showed Him. This meant that Yahshua had to do all things proper and right as the perfect example and to complete all holiness. Yahshua only acted in a way that was pleasing to His father. The Scriptures say that He fulfilled all righteousness. All that Yahshua did was a fitting and proper example to the Jews and Gentiles of the time... that includes us... we of the end-time generation! Yahshua kept the covenant and did not sin. In Matthew 5:17 Yahshua said He had come to fulfill the law. The word fulfill, in the Greek is Strong's #4137, which means to make perfect (or keep perfectly). This is His example to us...not random behavior! Luke 4:16, where Yahshua is teaching in the synagogue on the Sabbath, is a perfect example.

Yahshua abhorred the way the Jews turned the Sabbath into bondage. It was not a joy or a blessing; it had become a worrisome burden. Mark 7:9-11 shows us how the extra laws and traditions man added onto the Sabbath nullified the spirit of love and blessing Yahweh put in the Commandment. The Talmud states hundreds of laws regarding behavior on the Sabbath, many of which a man could have been stoned for violating on the Kodesh Day. It became an oppressing yoke. In Mark 2:27, Yahshua said that the Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. This means it is a gift and a blessing...why should we throw something like that out? It is even lawful to do good on the Sabbath. Yahshua called the Jews hypocrites for putting the letter of the Law over the spirit of the Commandments! (Luke 13:15-16 and Matthew 12:11-12) Yahweh even spoke of the Sabbath in the last days concerning the fleeing of the assembly. That great event is still in the near future. We know that the Scriptures are written for all... not just the Jews or select few. And we are saying again that the Sabbath is in the New Testament! Read Matthew 24:16-24 again right now. The Good News that was preached is for all men. (I Timothy 2:3-4)

Yahshua continues His powerful example in Matthew 12:8, "...The Son of man is Master even of the Sabbath Day." He means exactly that; He is the overseer of that day and the Creator Yahweh of that day. How can we worship Him and not keep His day? Some people would say that if we do not keep His Word, i.e., His day, we are not worshipping the REAL Yahshua! More than just being the Master of that day, He is the example of how to keep it. Yahshua is not just keeping a tradition here, He is teaching the weightier matters of the Law: love, mercy, charity, and concern for the needy. These attributes are always present in the real Believer's life, even on the Sabbath day. Turning to Mark 1:21, again we read that Yahshua, after reaching Capernaum, went directly into the synagogue and taught. This was the kodesh convocation the Bible teaches

we are to have. He preached to all who would listen, "And they were astonished at His doctrine: for He taught them as one that had authority." (Mark 1:22) Remember that, in Leviticus 23:3, we are to have a Kodesh Convocation unto Yahweh. This was always Yahshua's intent to His Father and again to be an example to us "...to fulfill all righteousness." His example stands and cannot be changed. Did He endure all this so that it could pass away?

To continue, in Mark 6:2, we see again, where Yahshua goes into the synagogue to preach on the Sabbath. He could have been anywhere, but He chose to go to the assembly at that time to minister. Again in Luke 4:31, a different account, the Master preaches on more than just one of the Sabbaths. We see that He again performs a miracle. See that example now! Read Luke 6:6 and 13:10, The Word of Yahweh says He was keeping the Sabbath! **CAN YOU ENDURE STRONG DOCTRINE?**

Some men say: "The New Testament does not say to keep the Sabbath"! This is true! We see that it would be absurd to state that they or we should keep that day holy. Everyone in the assembly then knew it was part of the Covenant: even the Gentiles were learning of tremendous blessings and joy of the seventh day. For Yahshua to say, "Keep the Sabbath", in the New Testament, would cast a shadow of doubt that the Covenant was still intact. The Sabbath was an established fact! And, strangely enough, Yahshua did not contradict this at any time; yea, He gave impetus to it.

Let us tie all this discussion up with the conclusion of the whole matter. In His life, we saw His example; in His death is the seal to His witness. Paul states in Hebrews 9:15, "...He (Messiah) is the mediator of the New Covenant"... Paul also underscores the fact that after one dies; his testament is sealed and cannot be changed by anyone. It is sealed in BLOOD! Is this clear? Yahshua made the Covenant, carried it out, preached it, practiced it, and then sealed it in His BLOOD! No one can change a dying testimony. The only thing that changed was that His blood did away with the blood of bulls and goats. **HE SAID; IF YOU LOVE ME, KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS, WHICH I SHOWED YOU...then He died!** It is true...Yahshua never did away with the Sabbath. And we cannot find anywhere that Yahshua kept or suggested that any other day was acceptable, especially sun/ day. When did your assembly adopt "Sun/Day"?? (Write to us for the free booklet, "The Truth About Sabbath".)

Our second point concerns the Apostles and what Luke, in particular, had to say concerning Yahshua's burial. The women rested on the Sabbath after they had prepared spices and perfumes for Yahshua's body. (Luke 23:56) After Yahshua died on the preparation day, He was taken down from the stake quickly because a high day was about to begin. That high day was the first day of unleavened bread of that year. Yahshua was crucified on the fourteenth of Abib, and the fifteenth was a high day, a Thursday of that particular year. The next day was another preparation day, a Friday; preparation for the weekly Sabbath. The women rested on the Sabbath after they had prepared spices and perfumes for Yahshua's body on Friday. They did not get to use them, because when they went to His tomb early Sunday morning, He was already risen. He had been in the grave three days and three nights, as He said He would be the sign of Jonas. (Matthew 12:39-40)

Most people believe Yahshua died on Friday afternoon and rose in the early morning hours of Sunday, before dawn. This is not three days and three nights, and so would contradict

this Scripture. The confusion comes from the two preparation days, one on Passover Day, the day before the Annual Sabbath, and the other on Friday, the day before the weekly Sabbath. In fact, Matthew 28:1, in the original, shows there was more than one Sabbath. "Sabbath" is plural in the original text. The women in Luke 23:56 rested on the weekly Sabbath "...in obedience to the commandment". In the next Scripture, Luke 24:1, we see that the next day was Sunday, the first day of the week. This is when the women returned to the gravesite. Yahshua had already risen from the dead the night before, at the end of the Sabbath, as the Scriptures foretold. Luke was a Gentile writing to the Gentiles long after the resurrection. Why would he have written such detail if the Sabbath had been only for the Jews? Read this account again, and Romans 3:20; 7:7-14; I John 5:3; and James 2:8.

We earlier mentioned that Gentiles in the early assembly and down from that period kept the TRUE Sabbath. [Send for a free copy of "The History of the Sabbath Assembly".] Peter, in the New Testament Assembly, well after Yahshua died, went to the Gentiles (the unclean) by commission of the Holy Spirit. In Acts 10, he preached to the New Testament Assembly, which was a mixed multitude of nations. He taught the Greeks and Jews the words Yahshua had given to him. As we discover in Acts, Chapters 13 and 16, the Real Assembly grew quickly. Saturday was the common day that was accepted as the Sabbath by Commandment and example. It was the day the crowds of the cities would meet to be instructed in the Word of Yahweh. (This included the Law.) Pray about this, open your spiritual eyes. If Yahshua were to do away with the Sabbath and other parts of the Covenant, why is there so much referred to and written in the "NEW TESTAMENT"? Honestly, why did He allow the Sabbaths to be mentioned sixty times if they had all been done away with? This is not good teaching technique, if it were His intent. However, many still say that it is only legalism. It is not. It is the Word of Yahweh...His Laws, Commandments and His Statutes for our good and blessing. In Deuteronomy 12:31-32 and Revelation 22:19, it says that nothing should be added or taken away from His Holy Word. Remember, if you break one of the Commandments, you are guilty of all! (James 2:10) This should worry you. This discussion should raise serious questions in your mind. The next point we make is also very important.

We made a statement earlier about the Sabbath being a spiritual sign unto His people, His real people, the First fruits redeemed from the earth. Read Exodus 31:17 and Ezekiel 20:12. Did you know that this point is upheld in the New Testament? (11 Timothy 2:19) The Master knows those that are His. Because those people who love Him keep all His Commandments... the entire Covenant. They love Him and He loves them that do His will...keep His Words! (Matthew 12:48-50) "For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother and sister, and my mother." (Matthew 12:50) Also, see Luke 8:21-22. He says, When I come, My reward is with Me...Matthew 16:27-28; Revelation 22:12. This is the difference between reign with Messiah in the millennium and a last chance for salvation at the White Throne Judgment...The difference is glory, position, and reward! The positions are those of priests and kings with Messiah!! (Revelation 1:6; 5:10)

Satan has his counterfeit mark also! In Revelation 13:16, the mark of Satan is discussed. We know that Satan has deceived the whole world about Yahweh's Law and what we must do to be saved. In addition, he will cause most people to take THE MARK OF THE BEAST in the very near future. We believe that the Mark of the Beast has two parts; a physical side and a spiritual side. If Yahweh says that His mark is the true Sabbath, Saturday worship, then it seems

to follow that Satan's mark is a day of worship also! Think about it! Satan's spiritual sign is sun/day worship! Because the end-time assembly of this world is really of Babylon, almost the entire "Christian" world of today keeps sun/day! Remember what Messiah said: "...for many are called, but few chosen." (Matthew 20:16) [Write for the free booklet, MARK OF THE BEAST.]

CEREMONIAL LAW DONE AWAY

A controversial point to all this discussion is the old issue of "ceremonial Law." What is it, and has it been done away? People say that keeping the "Law" is bondage. First, we need to understand that there are two types of laws with which to be concerned. The first is what we have been speaking about... the Covenant that Yahshua never restated because the people knew it already. He said I have not come to destroy the Law ... (Matthew 5:17) The law of bondage is what the sun/day ministers confuse with the ROYAL LAW. The reality is that the law of bondage was added due to transgressions. (Galatians 3:19) They were also called "Sacrificial Laws." They are added to the first original Covenant due to sin and transgression. The Israelites would not keep the words of Yahweh and their works were not mixed with faith. To redeem them and remind them of their sins, the laws of animal sacrifice were added. (See Deuteronomy 5:22)

The Sacred Covenant that Yahshua made with Israel is again found in Exodus, Chapters 20-24, inclusive. This was sealed in blood. Then in a separate chapter and after the Covenant was ratified, the sacrifices were added. Paul said that these animal sacrifices did not make the conscience of the people perfect. (Hebrews 9:1-10) This blood that was shed only pointed to Messiah. In fact, all through the Old Testament, the people waited for the real Messiah to come to save them and establish His Kingdom. Later, the Levites, soon to become the Sadducees, added more and more laws that Yahshua called the Commandments of Men. These laws were an extension of the Commandments. They built a buffer between the Law and real life. If all would follow the imposed law, which were restrictive and burdensome, people would be better able to avoid sin, they thought. This was another example of how man tried to improve on the wisdom of Yahweh. These expanded laws discouraged the people who really wanted to serve their Creator. This is clear in these texts: Matthew 15:19 and Mark 7:7. Be not confused. The first Covenant given in Exodus, Chapters 20-24, is still in effect, including the Fourth Commandment...THE SABBATH. Simply stated, only animal sacrifices were done away, because YAHSHUA IS THE PERFECT SACRIFICE FOR ALL TIME. See how miraculously simple this is? But, Satan would have all this be confusing to you! If it is so important to Yahshua for us to keep the Sabbath, don't you think He would make it easily understood? He does! He says the Law is kodesh. (Romans 7:14) The Law is "spiritual" and the beginning of understanding. (Psalms 111:10) The Law is truth. (Psalms 119:142) The Law is righteousness. (Psalms 119:144)

WE ARE ALL CHILDREN OF YAHWEH

Let us draw an analogy here that will clarify the relation-ship that we must have with our Savior and the Sabbath. The popular world teaching is "If we accept Messiah as our Savior and love our fellow man, we will be saved." This sounds good, but it is not Scriptural. James says over and over that FAITH WITHOUT WORKS IS DEAD. (James 2:17) We have responsibility to Yahweh. Let us image that we are children (Mark 10:15), and that we have a Father who is the

head of the family (John 1:13). The Father loves us as His own (Romans 8:38-39). That love will never leave us or fail us. Now, because He goes away to a far country (Matthew 21:23), does that mean we can do anything we want? Can we be irresponsible? Don't we always have rules to follow? If we love our Father, do we not show love by obeying Him, and respecting His wishes? Is a child, while at home, free at any time of rules and guidance? Do not we please our parents by doing what they ask? What our parents ask is for our good and our instruction. If we learn, we will live!! If we love our Father and Yahshua, we will do what They ask, and we will live! And if we don't love Them, we will not do what They say, and we will surely die. (John 14:15; Romans 6:23) We will not be productive. (THE TREE THAT PRODUCES NO FRUIT, IT SHALL DIE. Luke 13:9) This is one of the reasons we have earthly families. We learn love and obedience.

The Father gave us all He had, Yahshua, His only Son, to die for us while we were yet sinners. And what do we do in return? He made a specific day holy and gave it to us, on which to rest...and we reject it! There is great punishment for those who will not obey, but on the other side of the story there are rich blessings and eternal promises, and at the end, the GLORIOUS KINGDOM OF YAHWEH. Read all of Deuteronomy 28 and Chapter 30:11-20. CHOOSE YOU THIS DAY LIFE OR DEATH. Friends, it is just that simple!!

The Father has gone away for a while (6,000 years). Let us see what the family note board says...

"IF THOU TURN AWAY THY FOOT FROM THE SABBATH, FROM DOING THY PLEASURE ON MY KODESH DAY; AND CALL THE SABBATH A DELIGHT, THE KODESH OF YAHWEH, HONORABLE; AND SHALL HONOR HIM, NOT DOING THINE OWN WAYS, NOR FINDING THINE OWN PLEASURE, NOR SPEAKING THINE OWN WORDS: THEN THOU SHALT DELIGHT THYSELF IN YAHWEH: AND I WILL CAUSE TREE TO RIDE ON THE HIGH PLACES OF THE EARTH, AND FEED THEE WITH THE HERITAGE OF JACOB THY FATHER: FOR THE MOUTH OF YAHWEH HATH SPOKEN IT." (Isaiah 58:13-14)

Do you see the special words?MY KODESH DAY...THE KODESH OF YAHWEH...FOR THE MOUTH OF YAHWEH HATH SPOKEN IT!! Remember, He never changes..."Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it kodesh"!! (Exodus 20:8)

Let us look at one more argument against the Sabbath. Some say that you can find anything in the Bible to prove your point...Yahshua knew that there would be men that would speak such heresy. What do the Scriptures say about this? First, all Scripture is given by inspiration of Yahweh. (II Timothy 2:13) Second, there is no private interpretation to the Scriptures. (II Peter 1:20) This means that each verse stands as truth and only has one meaning in the context of the chapter! It is all truth, and all the verses in the Bible must agree on the same subject. This is Yahweh's way. Third, He is not an Elohim of confusion. (I Corinthians 14:33) Is the Old Testament OLD? NO!!! The Old Testament was written for our end-time instruction. (Romans 15:4) Yes, in Him there is no variableness. (James 1:17)

A LOOK TO THE FUTURE

We are now going to leave Genesis and the general past and proceed into the future. The

seventh day, Yahweh rested and made that day holy and sanctified it. Then, after each weekly Sabbath, He made Annual Sabbaths or Feast Days, still in the context of seven. These Annual Feast Days are a great blessing and an even greater joy. (Happiness is of the world, but joy is of Yahweh. You cannot know this unless you keep them!!) Then in wisdom, He made Land Sabbaths. These are set years that the land lays fallow so it can receive a blessing and heal. (The reason that the farmers must use chemicals is because the ground is so nutrient depleted, by overuse.) Every seven years the ground is to rest. October 2008, to October 2009, is the next land Sabbath. Then, still in the format of the seventh day, Yahweh commanded there to be a special year called the Jubilee. We can read about all this in Leviticus 25. The next Jubilee is from October 2037, to October 2038. This is the year that all debts are canceled and land returns to its rightful owner.

All through His MOEDS (KODESH DAYS), He reestablishes the Sabbath, the seventh day, the seventh year, the seven days of unleavened bread, the seven weeks till Pentecost, the seventh month for Trumpets, the seven days of Tabernacles, the seven cycles of years to Jubilee, and finally to the seventh year of Yahweh's timing, the final Sabbath, the Millennium rest with Messiah. There is much more to keeping all these Commandments than is stated here. Suffice it to say, these are also Commandments of the MOST HIGH YAHWEH. These Laws have been in effect for 6,000 years, and Yahweh's people and the world in general have been punished for not obeying them. All this time is only six days in Yahweh's timing. (II Peter 3:8)

Yes, this work and Yahweh's calendar go on for 6,000 years or six days in Yahweh's time. (II Peter 3:8) In Hebrews 3:5-19, a powerful chapter, an example of warning is given!! The children in the wilderness that were over twenty years of age were not allowed to go into the Promised Land...His type of Sabbath rest for them. He put to death all that rebelled and swore that they would not see His rest, and they did not!! Why? Again, because of lack of faith and disobedience. (Hebrews 3:19) What does this have to do with 6,000 years'? The seventh one thousand years are about to begin; Yahweh's Day...a long Sabbath rest for His First fruits. This is the rest He has promised to those who keep His Commandments (including the fourth...Saturday Sabbath). (Malachi 3:16-17) The plan is not hard to understand. If we keep His Commandments and the appointed days of the cycle of seven, we enter into the final and blessed rest, and serve with Him as kings and priests. Do you see how all this fits in? You must be obedient now, and trustworthy, in order to be trusted and worthy to judge and reign with the Master. Yahweh does nothing without meaning or significance. We know that the book of Revelation was written for the last days. You need to see and hear this now!

In the end times, the spirit of Satan will lead the pagan world, and many real Believers will be persecuted and put to death for the testimony of Yahshua Messiah...Those saints will keep the Commandments of THE MOST HIGH YAHWEH. (Revelation 12:17) Remember, not all the Commandments are written in the New Testament because the original list stands forever!! We are responsible for all of them NOW!! We are not into JUDGED TIME AS WE APPROACH THE TRIBULATION!! We are responsible for all that is in that BLOOD COVENANT. Is your assembly teaching and upholding the Real Sabbath? If not, are you following blindly? Will you enter into His rest with great reward and blessing or die in the wilderness...waiting for the last great judgment? (Revelation 20:11-15) See Matthew, Chapter 24 and Revelation, all of Chapter 16. Look at world events. Israel will soon say PEACE AND SAFETY, and then sudden

destruction will come to the whole world!! (Luke 21:36)

Man does not believe Yahweh, especially if He only says something once. We have seen repeatedly in n Scripture and examples that we are given the Sabbath as law and blessing. THE MAN WHO FOLLOWS THE LAMB WHEREVER HE GOES KEEPS ALL THE COMMANDMENTS OF YAHWEH! The man who is born again and walks in SPIRIT AND TRUTH needs only to see something once in Yahweh's Holy Word!! But, for those who still doubt, let us look at a summary of documented proofs for the Sabbath:

1. It is Yahweh's Holy Law... (All of Exodus 20)
2. The Sabbath is a memorial to creation...(Genesis 2:1-3)
3. It is a memorial and link to the Land Sabbath... (Leviticus 25:1-8)
4. The week is a balance of work and rest in the Sabbath ... (Exodus 20:10)
5. The Sabbath is to help us remember the bondage of Egypt ... (Deuteronomy 5:15)
6. The Sabbath is the day on which we are to worship Him ... (Revelation 15:7)
7. The Sabbath is a kodesh day that only Yahweh can make kodesh!... (Genesis 2:3) [To sanctify means to make holy and set apart for kodesh use]
8. The Sabbath is the spiritual mark unto His real people... (Exodus 31:17)
9. The Sabbath and its Commandments identifies the Creator ... (Genesis 2:1-3 and Exodus 10:11)
10. It was a gift that we had lost and now the blessing is regained ... (Deuteronomy 5:17)
11. Blessings are attached to the keeping of the Sabbath ... (Isaiah 56:2; 58:14)
12. The Sabbath sanctifies us and makes us kodesh... (Leviticus 11:44)
13. The Sabbath is a Covenant agreement ... (Deuteronomy6:8; Exodus 24:8; Matthew 26:28)
14. We keep the Sabbath because we want to please Yahweh... (Matthew 25.21; John 14:15)
15. Messiah's presence makes it a holy convocation ... (Leviticus 23:3; Isaiah 58:13; Matthew 18:20)
16. We want the Kodesh Spirit... (Acts 5:32; John 16:13 6:53; 1 John 3:24)
17. We want to be First fruits in the kingdom... (Revelations 20:4; James 1:18) [The Sabbath is the truth ...and the spirit of obedience.]

CONCLUSION

We understand now that the Sabbath existed before the Israelites. And we see that He also gave it to them, but they neither understood it, nor did they keep it. Yahweh went to a great deal of trouble to teach the Israelites the Sabbath and they still rebelled! And for their rebellion, He was going to destroy them all, but He repented.

REMEMBER, there are many reasons for keeping Yahweh's Word, but primarily we do because we love Him. But, fear of Yahweh is the beginning of wisdom. (Psalms 111:10) Solomon, in all his wisdom, said: OUR WHOLE DUTY IS TO FEAR YAHWEH AND KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS. (Ecclesiastes 12:13)

Remember, and read again, the SEVENTEEN reasons for keeping the Sabbath. Pray and fast over this decision. It may be the most important decision you ever make. There are many Scriptures, examples, and commands here. How many does it take for you? Is it worth taking a chance that you might be wrong ...what a tragic mistake that would be for you!! Please, do not be found in the FIVE FOOLISH VIRGINS when the Master comes!! (Iniquity means lawlessness.) REMEMBER, those who are deceived do not know it!!

REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY TO KEEP IT KODESH. Keep it kodesh as it was in the garden. Do not profane something that is clean and good that was given for a blessing, an inheritance from the Father and the Son.

REMEMBER...THE REMNANT IN THE LAST DAYS WAS THOSE WHO KEPT THE COMMANDMENTS OF THE ALMIGHTY...COME MASTER YAHSHUA...

APPENDIX I

FOUR NEW TESTAMENT TEXTS OFTEN USED AGAINST THE SABBATH

Acts 20:7: "And upon the first (day) of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight." Because the disciples came together to break bread on the first of the week (day is in italics and was added), the proper day of worship must be Sunday, or so say those who use this verse to rebut the Sabbath Commandment.

Answer: Note that the disciples came together to break bread. This was a common meal, and not the Memorial Supper. Verse 6 plainly says they sailed away from Philippi AFTER the days of Unleavened Bread. These days of Unleavened Bread always follow the Passover. (Leviticus 23:6-7) Therefore, Paul had already kept the Passover. (He was preparing to keep Pentecost, [verse 16] another of Yahweh's seven annual set-apart days.) Verse 11 shows that Paul ate bread, but no cup is mentioned. This was a fellowship meal, and Paul had preached late (Saturday night) until midnight, for verse 8 tells us there were many lamps in the upper chambers. Breaking bread is a Hebraism for eating a meal. (Acts 2:42, 46) The disciples had not gathered to partake of the Eucharist, but to have a fellowship meal following the Sabbath.

A number of Bible versions translate Acts 20:7 as "Sabbath Day" or "Saturday night":

"On Saturday night, in our assembly for the breaking of bread..." (New English Bible)

"Now on one of the Sabbath days, at our having gathered to break bread..." (Concordant Version)

"On the Saturday evening we met for our common meal. The New Testament, by William Barclay) "On Saturday evening we gathered together for the fellowship meal." (Good News for Modern Man) "In the first of the Sabbaths, having been assembled of us to break bread..." (Diaglott New Testament, Benjamin Wilson)

"In but the one of the Sabbaths having been led together of us to break bread..." (The Kingdom Interlinear Translation of the Greek Scriptures)

NOTE: These also show that no Memorial Supper was observed, but only a "common meal" to "break bread."

Romans 14:5: "One man esteems one day above another: Another esteems every day alike. Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind." Many believe this verse authorized man to choose his own day of worship and rest.

Answer: The context of the whole chapter is about eating or abstaining from food, not about keeping the Sabbath. Paul talks about eating flesh or vegetables: about eating or fasting (see verses 2, 3, 6, 14, 15, 17, 20, 21, 23). Paul was saying in verse 5 that fasting on a certain day is the choice of the individual, as brought out in verse 6. You may esteem one day more than another; another person may have a different day of fasting more meaningful to him. Since no law prescribes a particular day to fast (except Day of Atonement), let each man decide for himself. Nothing in the entire chapter speaks of or implies a day of worship.

Galatians 4:10-11: "You observe days, and months, and times, and years. I am afraid of you lest I have bestowed upon you labor in vain." Some believe these verses abolish all commanded days of the Old Testament, including the Sabbath.

Answer: As noted in the Acts 20:7 explanation above, why would Paul keep holy days like Unleavened Bread and Pentecost and then turn and teach the Galatians not to observe them? Or tell them these days were not necessary? Further, why would Paul himself repeatedly worship on the Sabbath (Acts 17:2) and then say it was unnecessary to keep? The answer to Galatians 4:10-11 is found in the context. Verses 8-9 read, "Howbeit then, when you knew not Yahweh, you did service unto them which are by nature not deities? But now, after that you have known Yahweh, or rather are known of Yahweh, how turn you again to the weak and beggarly elements whereunto you desire to be in bondage?" After all Paul is teaching of these former heathens to worship the true Creator, they were reverting to their former heathen days and times. Paul says, "turn you AGAIN." Israelites were warned in Deuteronomy 18:9-14 not to learn the ways of their pagan neighbors. Among these was to be an "observer of times" in the fashion of the pagans.

Colossians 2:16-17: "Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of the holy days, or of the new moon, or of the Sabbath (days); which are a shadow of things to come; but the body (is) of the Messiah."

Answer: The words "days" and "is" are in italics in the King James, meaning they were not in the original. Take out the word "is" and an entirely new meaning emerges. The verse really says let no outsider judge you in keeping these laws because Yahweh has the final say. When we let opinions of the unconverted influence us, we may be swayed into disobedience. But the Body of Messiah, the True Worshipers of Yahweh; will rightfully discern the Scriptures in these matter. Guided by the Holy Spirit, their actions are a pattern for the seeker of truth. Further, these observances are called a "shadow of things to come." A show is cast by the real object, and can arrive before the actual object. We are in the shadow of these laws now, knowing only the outline of their importance. Their full meaning will be revealed in the future Kingdom.

Rather than refuting the observance of the laws and statutes of Yahweh, this passage shows that they will be even more significant when the Kingdom is established and they are observed in their full glory and purpose.

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