

REALLY NOW - HAS TIME BEEN LOST?

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Time lost? You've got to be kidding. Where did it go? HOW COULD time be lost somewhere? Oh sure, when we get older we seem to think the days seem to short. We cannot seem to accomplish all we want to in that given amount of time. Or we say... How time does fly. But it does not really go anywhere.

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IS IT POSSIBLE TO KNOW - TO PROVE - WHICH DAY OF THE WEEK TODAY IS THE SAME SEVENTH DAY YAHWEH BLESSED, AND SET APART, AT CREATION?

Sun time	7th	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	1st
Days of Week	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
Divisions of 24 hours into				36 hrs					
Night and Day				daylight					
Order of Days	7th	1st	2nd	This day	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th
Hour Periods	24	24	24	About 48	24	24	24	24	24

Granted, the Bible says the SEVENTH day is the SABBATH OF YAHWEH THY ELOHIM. Granted, that YAH did, at creation, make the seventh day KODESH TIME, and that He has commanded us to KEEP it kodesh.

But how can we know, today WHICH day is the true seventh day YAH blessed and made kodesh AT CREATION?

Has time been lost? Has the calendar been CHANGED? Were not ten days dropped out of it at one time?

How about living on a round earth? Does not one either "gain a day" or "lose a day" in traveling around the world?

How about JOSHUA'S LONG DAY? Did that change the weekly cycle?

How can we know that the name "Saturday," which is a pagan name, was placed on the seventh day of the week according to the Hebrew

calendar?

To all these questions, there is a definite answer—and many lines of POSITIVE PROOF: YAH's Word says "Prove all things." Let us banish all prejudice. Let us throw out preconceived or past opinions. Let us investigate and find the **TRUTH!**

Questions about the weekly cycle are of interest to two religious groups. First, those who observe the seventh day of the week as the Sabbath; and second, those who seek to honor the resurrection of Messiah on the first day of the week, calling it "the Lord's Day.

Many mainline Protestant denominations do not believe that the fourth Commandment pertains to believers. But seeking to honor the Messiah's resurrection weekly on the first day of the week, it is of at least some concern to them to identify which day of the week it is.

The elect body of Messiah is confident that observing the commandment to keep the seventh day of the week as a Sabbath is Yahweh's will for all man kind, not only "believers." The elect body of the Messiah is assured that "Saturday" is the seventh day of the original cycle of 7 days set in motion at Creation by the One we know of as Yahshua Messiah. It is the Sabbath referred to in the New and Old Testaments of the Bible.

SOME DOUBT CONTINUITY

Some people find it hard to believe that the continuity of the weekly cycle has been maintained for thousands of years. Many are of the opinion that the weekly cycle has not been kept accurately over the centuries.

Was the weekly cycle established from Creation ever dis-

rupted? Was the Sabbath Commandment that Abraham kept the same one given to Israelites hundreds of years later on? Did the Babylonian captivity disrupt the weekly cycle? Were there changes made in the calendar after Messiah's resurrection that caused the original 7 day cycle (weekly cycle) to change or be interrupted? Did Joshua's long day interrupt or change the weekly cycle? The extra daylight period is thought to be proof that the weekly cycle was disrupted.

This assumption ignores the fact that a "day" in the Bible is a night period and the subsequent daylight period. It is from sunset to sunset, and not based on twenty-four hours.

It also ignores the fact that this whole, long daylight period is not referred to in the Bible as two days, but as one day. "So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and did not hasten to go down for about a whole day. And there has been no day like that, before it or after it." Joshua 10:13b, 14a.

The fact of the matter is that Yahweh continued to hold Israel responsible for Sabbath keeping as though there had been no long day. The weekly cycle and the Sabbath observed by Israel had Yah's sanction as shown by the fact that Israel was held accountable for Sabbath keeping throughout the Old Testament from their deliverance from Egyptian bondage. In fact, they were sent into a national captivity **because** they did NOT keep His Sabbath kodesh, even though it was a perpetual **sign** between the Kodesh One of Israel and His people. See Exodus 31:12-17 and Ezekiel 20:1-24.

THE MIRACLE OF THE MANNA

Yahweh revealed the true creation Sabbath to all the children of Israel in the raining of manna from heaven. The Israelites had been in servitude and bondage in Egypt for many years. They were not permitted to have any religious worship or service

during these many generations. They had no Bible, no Scriptures, no written record of Yahweh's commands or ways. Perhaps they had lost track of time, and did not know which was the true Sabbath.

At the wilderness of Sin, two weeks before arriving at Sinai, they grumbled and complained from the lack of food. Then Yahshua heard, and He said.. "Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you... that I may prove them, whether they will walk in MY LAW or no." This has to do with whether we will keep YAH'S LAW. To disobey is SIN! Moses and Aaron said to the people, "At even (sunset), then ye will know that YAHWEH has brought you out from the land of Egypt: and in the morning, then ye shall see the glory of YAHWEH. "

"And Moses spake unto Aaron, Say unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, Come near before YAHWEH... and it came to pass, as Aaron spake unto the whole congregation of the children of Israel, that they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of YAHWEH appeared in the cloud... And it came to pass, that at even (dusk - sunset), the quails came up, and covered the camp, and in the morning the dew lay round about the host." Exodus 16:4-13.

In verse 12 the words "at even" are a phrase in the Hebrew.. Bin E'rebim... between the two evenings. It signifies after sunset during the twilight dusky portion at the beginning of the first day of the week, for the weekly Sabbath ended at that sunset. Now they could work and gather the quail, and in the morning, manna.

Please notice, there was a RELIGIOUS ASSEMBLY on this day of instruction, and the GLORY OF YAHWEH appeared. The quail did not come up until the sun had set. WHY? Because this had been a Sabbath day. At sunset, when it ended, the quails came, and the people were privileged to go to work gathering in

food to eat. Next morning the manna fell. This was the FIRST DAY of the week. If they tried to keep over any manna till the following day, it bred worms and stank (v-20). On the sixth day, (v-22) twice as much came from heaven and they gathered twice as much. Then, that sixth day, YAHWEH said, "Tomorrow is the rest of the set-apart Sabbath unto YAHWEH." (v-23). They kept it over, and on this day it did not breed worms and stink. However, on the seventh day some of the people must have thought that TIME WAS LOST. They were like some modern people who were not sure WHICH DAY was the Sabbath, or whether it makes a difference. They went out to gather on the seventh day (v-27) - AND THEY FOUND NONE! On this day Elohim did not send any!

So by over 29,000 miracles, day after day, week after week, year after year, the Almighty Creator showed in no uncertain terms which day of the 7 day weekly cycle was His Kodesh Time! It proved WHICH DAY was the Creation Sabbath!

There were NO CHANGES at the Equinoxes! There were NO 28 day months. All months began with the sighting of a slim new crescent moon after a sunset. The Almighty Creator created the sun AND the moon for figuring days, years, and seasons (feast days). The Equinox in the spring begins a year. The visible new crescent on or after that tkufah begins a month. The sun sets and a new day begins.

Time could not have been mixed up or lost under the strict Mosaic regime between then and the time of Messiah. The real Yahshua, is the very One who instructed the Israelites to observe His Kodesh Sabbath. Even Joshua's Long Day was just ONE DAY, and it did not change the reckoning of time in any way. If it did, then, Messiah kept the wrong day! We can come to the time of Messiah, KNOWING that time was not lost up to then.

JOSHUA'S LONG DAY

The long day of Joshua, when the sun stood still for "about a whole day", is figured around (twisted and contorted) in a manner to show that Sunday is the seventh day of the week.

The Bible account is found in Joshua 10:12-14. "Then spake Joshua to YAHWEH,... and he said in the sight of Israel, Sun, stand you still upon Gibeon; and you, Moon, in the valley of Ajalon. And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed...and hasted not to go down about a whole day."

If you will notice the diagram at the beginning of this booklet you will see that the long day was ONE day, AS THE SCRIPTURES SAID, and NOT two 24 hour days.

YAHWEH SAYS, "from even unto even shall ye celebrate your Sabbath." The days OF THE 7 DAY WEEKLY CYCLE are counted from SUNSET TO SUNSET, according to the measuring of time in the first chapter of Genesis. It is stated each day that the evening and the morning were the first day, -- "the second day," and so on. Nowhere does Yahweh's Word say, "The first 24 hours was the first day! and the next 24 hours was the second day," etc. **YAHWEH DOES NOT COUNT TIME ACCORDING TO MAN-MADE WATCHES AND CLOCKS!** He counts DAYS according to the SETTING OF THE SUN!

If there had been any loss of continuity or identity of the Sabbath from creation until the exodus from Egypt, Elohim left no doubt about its identity with the forty-year-long miracles. Even in Nehemiah's time, the weekly and annual Sabbaths were still known and observed AFTER coming out of Babylon. See Nehemiah chapters 7—10. No time had been lost up until then, for they all knew exactly when to observe the weekly Sabbath and the annual Sabbaths.

Josephus relates that under the leadership of the Macca-

bees, the Jews refused to fight with the soldiers of Antiochus on the Sabbath. These events occurred during the time period between the end of the prophets (Malachi) and the first coming of Messiah. See Josephus, Book XII, Chapter VI. This evidence suggests a continuity of the weekly cycle from the time of the latest Old Testament writings until the time of Messiah's ministry.

DURING THE MINISTRY OF MESSIAH

The four evangel accounts frequently reflect on accounts of Sabbath-keeping in the life and ministry of Yahshua. Evangel accounts abound in confrontations between Messiah and the Jews on just about every conceivable charge the Jews could bring against Him. However, there is no record of any disagreement between Him and the Jews regarding which day was the Sabbath. It is inconceivable that the identity of the Sabbath would be a problem when the Son of Yahweh was involved weekly in attending the synagogues of the Jews on the Sabbath, giving approval of the time they set aside to worship. In fact, it was His custom! Luke 4:16.

Now if we are convinced that the REAL, Yahshua set us a RIGHT example, and that He observed the RIGHT seventh day, we need have no further difficulty.

About 43 years after this, the Jews were driven into EVERY NATION ON EARTH. [The term "Jew" does NOT refer to ALL Israelite people for the most part...Ed.] From that time until now, they have been separated, scattered into all nations. Through the middle ages, the Jews in China had no way of communication with the Jews of Africa; the Jews in Europe with those of other parts of the world. Yet today, with communication restored over every part of the globe, we do not find the Jews all mixed up. If time had been lost, the Jews of one part of the world would be observing one day, and the Jews of other parts other days. But everywhere - in EVERY NATION ON EARTH, we find the Jews

have been keeping the SAME IDENTICAL DAY - the day we call SATURDAY - the true seventh day. The JEW is the miracle of all history - and the JEW is a proof that we have not lost the Sabbath. Ask any orthodox Jew today if HE has lost track of Yahweh's Sabbath. Why, such an idea would be nonsense to him. He is not. in doubt!

PAST CALENDAR CHANGES

The calendar now in use, a Roman calendar, has been changed, but the change did not break the weekly cycle.

Prior to its change, it was called the Julian calendar, because it originated at the time of Julius Caesar, 31 B.C. - **before the birth of Messiah.** The one change was ordered by Pope Gregory, and since then it has been called the Gregorian calendar.

The Julian calendar was imperfect -- it inserted leap years too frequently. Back in 31 B.C. they supposed the year was exactly $365\frac{1}{4}$, days long, and to take care of the extra one-fourth day each year, added a day to the month of February every four years. But it was found later the years were 12 minutes and 14 seconds shorter than this. Consequently, by the time of Pope Gregory, the calendar had drifted TEN DAYS away from the seasons. The Spring Equinox, consequently, fell on March 11th, instead of March 21st.

To correct this, ten days were dropped from the calendar. But they were dropped only from the number of days in the MONTH, not from the number of days in the WEEK. A man named Lilius proposed the method which was adopted in making the change. In the Catholic Encyclopedia, Vol. 9, page 251, under article "Lilius," explaining this change we read: "Thus, every imaginable proposition was made; only one idea was never mentioned, viz., the abandonment of the seven day week."

In the Catholic Encyclopedia, Vol. III, page 740, article "Chronology," we read: "It is to be noted that. in the Christian period, the order of days of the week has never been interrupted. Thus, when Gregory XIII reformed the calendar in 1582, Thursday, 4 October was followed by Friday, 15 October. So in England, in 1752, Wednesday, 2 September, was followed by Thursday, 14 September."

Since the Catholics changed the calendar, the Catholic Encyclopedia is the best historic authority there is on the question, and is proof positive. For the reader to clearly understand it, and SEE how it was worked out on the Calendar, we reproduce the actual calendar. The change was made in Spain, Portugal, and Italy in 1582. Here is the calendar for October, 1582...

October, 1582						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

You will notice how ten days were dropped out. One day was the 4th, and the very next day was the 15th of October. But the 4th was Thursday, and the next day was FRIDAY. The change in the calendar DID NOT IN ANY WAY CHANGE THE SABBATH, or the succession of the DAYS OF THE WEEK.

The British countries refused to change the calendar when the pope ordered it. They continued with the old Julian calendar until 1752. And while their days of the month were different, yet their days of the week were JUST THE SAME AS IN ROME. Those who kept the Sabbath in England kept the same SATURDAY that was called Saturday in Rome. Those who observed Sunday observed the same day, both in Rome where the calendar had been changed, and in London where it had not.

The English countries changed the calendar in 1752. By that time it was necessary to drop out 11 days. The change was made in September as follows...

September, 1752						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	2	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

In Russia, the calendar was never changed until just recently, IN OUR LIFETIME. Consequently, in the year 1907, the day that we called the 14th of August, the Russians called the 1st of August. Our calendars were 13 days apart. Yet, in BOTH countries, we both called that same day WEDNESDAY. In BOTH countries, SATURDAY fell on the same day of the week. The calendar has since been changed in Russia. And still their Sunday is Sunday - their Saturday is our Saturday.

For reference, see the previous article on "Chronology," in the Catholic Encyclopedia.

We see that the calendar has been IN EFFECT SINCE 31 B.C. -- prior to the birth of **Messiah**, proving that there has never been any change in the weekly cycle from the time of Messiah until now. The SATURDAY of today is the same Seventh day of the week as it was in MESSIAH'S time. We can, therefore, be sure we keep the same Sabbath day that Yahshua kept, as His custom was, setting us an example - the same day He said He was MASTER of. Mark. 2:27 - 28. And it was purposely made for (not against) all mankind.

INTERNATIONAL DATE LINE

Let us consider this argument that we "gain a day" or "lose a day," depending on which way we are traveling, in going

around the world.

Did you ever stop to wonder how Jonah came to be out on a wild sea, so he could be swallowed by the great fish? Jonah was commanded of Yahweh to perform a certain task. But Jonah did not want to obey. So he embarked on a ship, in an attempt to escape "from the presence of Yahweh." Read Jonah 1:1-3. Now was it not silly of Jonah to think that by journeying away from home on a boat, he could escape from the command of Yahweh?

But we have many modern Jonahs. They try to tell us that a certain command, proclaimed by Yahshua's own voice to all His congregation, cannot really be obeyed if we embark on a boat and travel far away from home, either east or west. It is the command which says.. "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it kodesh... the SEVENTH DAY is the Sabbath of YAHWEH thy Elohim." Did Elohim so complicate this command that it would require an astronomer to tell us how to obey?

It might seem to some, who do not stop to think very deeply, that you have lost a day if you travel westward around the world - or gained a day if you travel eastward. But this loss or gain is apparent, **NOT REAL!** Think of what would happen if this were so. Imagine twin brothers, one traveling westward around the world, the other traveling eastward. If one has really lost a day, while the other gained a day, then after one such journey, one becomes TWO DAYS OLDER than his twin brother. If they took enough trips, one would in time be enough older to be the father of his own twin brother! This is ridiculous, but it illustrates the point.

When a person travels, his days are not of even length. The man who travels from San Francisco to New York in one day by airplane finds that this particular day, for him, is counted as only 21 hours, because the sun sets three hours earlier in New York

than in San Francisco. Therefore, there is three hours difference in time between these two cities. If the man returns, also by plane, he finds his day on the return trip is computed as 27 hours. If he leaves San Francisco at 5 a.m., and arrives in New York exactly twelve hours later, his watch will register 5 p.m., but all watches and clocks in New York will register 8 p.m. To compute time as others do there, he will have to set his watch up (ahead) three hours. If he kept traveling around the earth, he would have to keep changing his watch, until he had added 24 hours **to his watch** by the time he returned to San Francisco. But did he really add A DAY to his life? Of course not. The only change is in the way men COUNT time. This is merely a trick argument designed to confuse people, and justify them in disobeying the commands of Yahweh. Sin is the transgression of the LAW...STILL, and the wages of sin is DEATH...STILL.

Days begin and end at sunset, not in a 24 hour period delineated by a clock. See any encyclopedia. History shows that it was always custom to end and begin days at sunset until a few hundred years **after** Messiah. We live on a round earth. A day is measured by the revolution of the earth on its axis, in relation to the sun. Since the Sabbath day begins, and ends, at SUNSET, we observe it, here, when the sun sets, HERE. But the sun sets three hours earlier in New York than on the Pacific Coast. Hence Sabbath-keepers in New York begin their Sabbath three hours earlier than on the west coast. In London, the Sabbath begins nine hours earlier than on the Pacific Coast, if kept according to Yah's directions.

The answer to it all is...WE KEEP THE DAY WHEN THE DAY COMES TO US. Jerusalem is Yahweh's headquarters for the earth. That is where Yahshua kept the Sabbath, and we know HE had it right! Authorities believe it was by Yahweh's guidance that men were caused to set the international "date line",

(where, because of a round earth turning on its axis a day must be dropped or added IN COMPUTATION), in the middle of the Pacific where it affects virtually nobody and almost exactly OPPOSITE from Jerusalem! As time is now computed, Sabbath-keepers the world over keep the SAME SABBATH, when it comes to them. That is and always has been the seventh day of the 7-day weekly cycle AT JERUSALEM.

EVERYWHERE ON EARTH THE SAME SABBATH IS KEPT ON THE SAME DAY, as that day comes to them, THAT IS KEPT AT JERUSALEM. Sunday observers have no trouble figuring WHEN their Sunday comes to them, anywhere on the earth. We cannot run away from this on a boat.

ANOTHER LINE OF PROOF!

We have a history of the **true** Assembly of Yahweh through every century from Messiah until now. It has always been a SABBATH-KEEPING Assembly. Through the middle ages, just as prophesied in Rev.12:6, this true Assembly had to FLEE to the wilderness, clear beyond the jurisdiction of the Roman Empire, dominated by the Roman Catholic Assembly. In 363 A.D. (C.E.), the Roman church passed the decree of the Council of Laodicea, pronouncing the DEATH SENTENCE upon any found to be keeping the Sabbath. Many true believers were MARTYRED for keeping this day.

When men were willing to GIVE THEIR LIVES in order to keep Yahweh's commands, do you think they could lose track of the right day? Coming down to modern times, we find this Assembly, the **true** believers' Assembly, keeping the day that is called Saturday - the same day the Jews have been keeping right down through every year from Messiah until now.

Time lost? You've got to be kidding. Where did it go? HOW COULD it be lost somewhere? Every person in every nation

would have to realize the same time has been lost for him and all people on earth! Oh sure, when we get older we seem to think the days seem so short. We cannot seem to accomplish all we want to in that given amount of time. Or we say...How time does fly. But it did not really go anywhere.

Finally, consider the scientific proof of ASTRONOMY. We quote from the official government statements to the League of Nations, as published August 17, 1926, in an official League document. The government of Finland presented this observation from one of its astronomers: "The reform (calendar reform before the League) would break the division of the week, which has been followed for thousands of years, and therefore has been hallowed by immemorial use."

The government of France presented the following statements from two of its leading astronomers: "One essential point is that of the continuity of the week...**a continuity which has existed for so many centuries.**" "The continuity of the week...is without a doubt the most ancient scientific institution bequeathed to us by antiquity."

Stated Prof. D. Eginitis, director of the Observatory of Athens, a member of the League Committee, "The continuity of the week...has crossed the centuries, and all known calendars, still intact."

We have presented the proof of history, the proof of the calendar, the proof of the Jew, the proof of the martyrs of the true Assembly, the proof of reason, the proof of science, and astronomy. We might add that of the Roman Catholic Church, which through the centuries has preserved its Sunday intact, as the day FOLLOWING the seventh-day Sabbath as kept by Yahshua. and the early apostles. The Catholic priest today is no more in doubt about SUNDAY being the true FIRST day of the week, than the Jew is about Yahweh's Sabbath.

Would Yahshua, the Creator of the universe, set apart a certain day, put His blessing on it, (Gen. 2:1-3), make it KODESH TIME, command that it be KEPT KODESH **FOREVER**, and then let that kodesh time become so lost we cannot tell when to keep it? TIME LOST? If so, then you and I are LOST SOULS, for it is SIN to profane Yahweh's Sabbath! That is the 4th point of the Law. Sin is the transgression of the Law. I JOHN 3:4. If we break only ONE OF ITS POINTS - any one - we are guilty sinners. James 2:8-11.

The very last recorded words of Yahshua say... "Blessed are they that DO His (His Father's) Commandments, that THEY may have right to the TREE OF LIFE." Revelation 22:14.

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WHY? YES, WHY?

Why are so many people simply turned off at the Truth of Yahweh?

The prophet Jeremiah said.. "To whom shall I speak, and give warning, that they may hear? Behold, their ear is uncircumcised, and they cannot hearken: behold, the word of the Yahshua is unto them a reproach; they have no delight in it." Jer. 6:10.

How sad. The people of America in general, and all parts of the world, simply have no delight in the Word of Yah. In fact, if they would consider the old paths written in the prophets, and walk in them, they would find rest for their souls. But they do not believe that, and insist it is all a yoke of bondage.

But what said the Spirit of Messiah through Jeremiah in Jer.

6:16? It said the people have set their will, voluntarily, to turn away from all that would give them peace of mind and rest for their souls.

"Thus says Yahshua, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. BUT, they (the people) said, We WILL NOT WALK THEREIN."

The reason most people want you to think time has been lost is their rebellion against the Creator of the universe, rebellion against His Kodesh times, and plain, simple disobedience. As Rom. 8:7 says the carnal mind cannot be subject to the Law of Yahweh. [However, the true spiritual mind can.]

What do you, the reader, intend to do? Will you continue on in your willful disobedience, and reap death? Or will you CHANGE, and be obedient, accepting the shed blood of the real Yahshua for your past sins, be baptized, receive the Kodesh Spirit of obedience, and continue walking in true and loving obedience to the commandments of your Father and also your Savior?