

The Calendar of Babylon



Beware!!

The Lunar Sabbath

“But we have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the Law of YHWH deceitfully, but by manifestation of the truth commending to ourselves to every man’s conscience in the sight of YHWH.”

– 2 Corinthians 4:2-3

The Sabbath Rest was ordained for mankind from the beginning as a sign or mark of our loving Creator Yahweh upon His humble servants (Gen.2:2-3; Ex. 31:12-17). Since that very first Sabbath rest in the Garden this one particular Command from Yahweh continues enduring various assaults from that very first transgressor and adversary - Lucifer, or Satan the devil. History confirms that true Sabbath keepers suffered much persecution, being hunted down and murdered by the Whore of Babylon and her gentile governments, and this very Law of YHWH’s 7th Day Sabbath will be ridiculed up UNTIL Yahsha’s return!

One such assault is realized in the doctrine of the “Lunar Sabbath”. This is not some new idea, for this concept was observed back in Babylon. Still, much confusion arises when this doctrine is introduced by her false prophets. This ancient Babylonian heresy is constructed on false assumptions & outright lies. To remedy this nagging thorn, The Remnant of YHWH has put together pertinent facts and the undeniable pattern that is ordained in Yahweh’s Torah Law and the Prophets. Moreover, YHWH raised up Yahsha from the dead on His 7th day! We must search out all the evidence and base our Faith and obedience in the facts, **NOT in Babylon’s condemned traditions!**

THE SABBATH OF BABYLON

“The Babylonians appear to have observed a Sabbath on every seventh day of the lunar month, and it is probable that this usage was originally connected with the four quarters (phases) of the moon. Among the Jews, the seven day week was reckoned independently of the moon...”

- **Encyclopedia of Religion and Ethics,**

James Hastings, Vol.3, p.63

“The sabbath rest was a Babylonian, as well as a Hebrew institution...In the cuneiform tablets the Sabbatu is described as ‘a day of rest for the soul.’... a day on which certain work was forbidden; and an old list of Babylonian festivals and fast days tells us that on the seventh, fourteenth, twenty-first and twenty-eighth days of each month, or moon, the Babylonian sabbatu had to be observed.”

– **Unger’s Bible Dictionary,** p.939-940, “Sabbath”

We see that the Babylonians did indeed observe a rest day which was reckoned at the beginning of each month (new moon). Recognizing a new moon to set the observance of the weekly sabbath rest is the heart and soul of the Lunar Sabbath (LS) doctrine! See the article <http://home.earthlink.net/~hoshanarabbah/pdfs/LunarS.pdf>

The LS, as being taught, is governed by setting the new moon date. Their “new moon” (not necessarily an actual visual sighting of a rosh chodesh crescent) sets the first day of the month, but is taught by the LS preachers as being the first Sabbath of REST in their monthly cycle. YHWH does not require this!

As a minor variation from the Babylonian Sabbath calendar, the LS preachers teach that YHWH’s “ordained” week begins by counting off the days following **AFTER** this new moon day! They then count the day **after** the new moon day as day 1 again. As a result, day eight of their month becomes their rest day, and therefore, becomes their next “weekly sabbath”! Then the fifteenth day, twenty-second, and finally the twenty-ninth days (1-8-15-22-29) are their weekly sabbaths. Because the lunar cycle is 29-1/2 days 44.5 minutes, the New Moon falls on different days of each month. YHWH ordained this and is to be expected! This LS reckoning causes their weekly sabbath to shift to a **different** day of the week, thus constantly changing with each month. Hence, the lunar sabbath could fall on a 3rd day of the week, then in the following month fall on the 5th day! This problem leads to a break in their final week, hence, a short week of only 1-2 days, often resulting in back-to-back “sabbaths”!! This flaw requires the “6 days of work” pattern to collapse! If the LS doctrine were true, YHWH would be breaking His own Law of the 7-Day week!! **YHWH can’t break His Law of Time!**

THE SABBATH OF YHWH

YHWH never ordained the New Moon day as a Sabbath day of rest! The moon wasn’t even established until the FOURTH day in the creation week! (Gen.1: 14-19) Then, was this fourth day of the week also a weekly Sabbath? (Our questions get absurd when entertaining this LS false doctrine.)

“And on the Seventh Day YHWH ended His work which He had done; and He rested on the Seventh Day from all His work which he had done.”

– **Genesis 2:2**

Nowhere in Genesis Chapter 1, nor the entire Torah Law do we find the Creator of the heavens and earth explaining how to utilize a new moon to SET this most blessed Law – the weekly Sabbath day. Scripture proves quite the contrary! As stated previously by James Hastings, the 7th day Sabbath of Israyl had **NO** connection with the phases of the moon. From the pattern clearly established in the Genesis 1-2, we see a continuous 7-day pattern repeating thru history.

“Week, The next division of time, the week (Heb. Shabua) ...was used throughout the biblical world from time immemorial. Yet it has no connection with astronomical (lunar) phenomena...the week as a divisor of time was strictly a religious matter...”

– **Wycliffe Bible Encyclopedia,** Vol.2, p.1710.

FALSE CLAIMS – NO FACTS – NO PROOF

“We are strangers in the earth. Do not hide Your commandments from us.” – Psalms 119:19

Based on the false testimony of Talmudic Rabbis, LS preachers falsely claim that Israel originally observed a Lunar Sabbath; but there is no history, no archeology, and no scholarship to prove that Abraham, Yitchaq, nor Yaaqob’s children ever observed a Lunar Sabbath. In the early 1940’s, members of the rabbinical Jewish community published a multi-volume set – the **Universal Jewish Encyclopedia.**

Watch its Talmudic Jews make false claims, give NO scripture references, nor give YHWH credit for establishing Israel’s Laws, nor the Sabbath custom...

“The New Moon is still, and the Sabbath originally was, dependent upon the lunar cycle. Both date back to the nomadic period of Israel. Originally the New Moon was celebrated in the same way as the Sabbath”

–**Universal Jewish Encyclopedia,** “Holidays”, p.410

With NO proof to their statements, they then pro-

proceed to contradict their prior Lunar propaganda - finally admitting the fact of its Babylonian origin...

“The idea of the week, as a subdivision of the month, where each Lunar month was divided into four parts, corresponding to the four phases of the MOON, seems to have arisen in BABYLON. The first week of each month began with the NEW MOON...With the development of the importance of the Sabbath as a day of consecration...the week became more and more divorced from its lunar connection.”

– **Universal Jewish Encyclopedia,** Vol.10, p.482

These same rabbis admit the Lunar Sabbath **began** in Babylon, **NOT** with Israel, nor Abraham, nor the Creator of the 7-day week! They had to admit that the Sabbath became “divorced” from some “lunar” connection, but again provide NO proof that it ever HAD a lunar connection, nor when, where or how it BECAME divorced from such! *This is NOT scholarship, nor reliable facts upon which to base your hopes and faith!* These are Talmudic Jews who base their faith on the oral traditions of carnal rabbis who reject Yahsha! The Messiah rebuked the teachers of His day for teaching Israel Talmudic and Babylonian traditions of men (Mark 7:7). It is the “every word of YHWH” (Matt.4:4) that will bring us life!

Most important of all, we find NO evidence from YHWH establishing a Lunar Sabbath day in either Old or New Covenants...Why? Because Israel never observed a Lunar Sabbath calendar! Would YHWH hide His commandments from us? Would YHWH give mankind a Law, but not explain when or how to fulfill it? Of course not! But there are false prophets who would!! Everyone is being called to be teachers of YHWH’s Commands (Matt.5:19), **NOT** teachers of an ancient lunar sabbath tradition from Babylon!

In response to a letter dated 03/12/1932, asking the office of the Superintendent of the U.S. Naval Observatory in Washington D.C. about the **continuity of the weekly cycle**, the following response was received, *“...we have had occasion to investigate the works of the results of specialists in chronology and we have never found one of them that has ever had the slightest doubt about the continuity of the weekly cycle since long before the Christian era.”*

Taken from a 1932 letter from F. W. Dyson, Astronomer Royal, of the Royal Observatory at Greenwich, England, he asserts an unchanged week, *“in the various changes of the Calendar there has been NO change in the seven day rota of the week, which has come down from the earliest ages.”*

(For the truth about the purpose of the New Moon calendar of YHWH, request our free information: “Restoring the New Moon Calendar of YHWH”.)

THE NEW MOON – A “WORK” DAY!

“Yahweh spoke to Mosheh in the wilderness of Sinai on the First Day of the Second Moon...Take a census of all the congregation of the children of Israel, by their clans and families, listing every man by name, man by man...and they gathered all the congregation together on the First Day of the Second Moon...”

– Numbers 1:1,2,18a (from the Torah Law)

The LS teachers want you to think that the New Moon Day – the first day of YHWH’s month - is a day of sabbatical rest. If Yahweh was and remains so adamant about mankind observing His Sabbath rest, and desiring Israyl to be an example and light to the world of obedience to this Law, how could He ask for such a monumental task as a national census be performed on the First Day of the moon if the New Moon were a “sabbath” day! This is Evidence and **Proof #1** that the New Moon Day is NOT a Sabbath!

Let’s look at **Proof #2** ...from Ezrayah 7:9, “ON the First Day of the First Moon, he - Ezrayah had begun his journey from Babylon, and ON the First Day of the Fifth Moon he arrived in Yerushalem, for the guiding hand of YHWH was upon him.”

This obedient and chosen priest, being “guided by the hand of YHWH” would never had begun a long journey on the First Day of the month had the New Moon Day been a commanded Sabbath rest! **Proof#3** Ezrayah as a teacher of YHWH’s Law to the people, ON the First Day of the Tenth Moon, selects and appoints men to investigate, examine and judge ALL the men who had taken pagan wives (Ezrayah 10:16-17), much WORK to demand- had it been a Sabbath!

There are additional references of this **First Day WORK-pattern** by YHWH’s people even in pseudo-graphical writings, such as “Jubilees”. Notice... **Jubilees 5:23** Noach ENTERED the Ark on the 1st **Jubilees 6:1** Noach WENT FORTH from the Ark and BUILT an altar...on the 1st **Jubilees 31:1** Yaaqob commands family to “Rise up and GO to Bayit YHWH...on the 1st” **Jubilees 44:1** Yaaqob takes JOURNEY from Haran **Jubilees 45:1** Yaaqob ENTERS Goshen, Egypt...

There is plentiful evidence that WORK is lawfully done on the New Moon of YHWH! *Where are His servants ever rebuked for working on a New Moon?*

To avoid these evidences, some LS believers will even stray from “orthodox” Lunar Sabbath tradition, and refuse to recognize the New Moon day in their monthly calendar – *thus leaving out 12-13 whole days in the yearly cycle of time!* Talk about the confusion of Babylon! Again, nowhere in the entire Scriptures of YHWH do we see evidence of such a claim. Every single day is recognized in the prophetic timetable of YHWH - **no time is ever lost!**

EXODUS 16: TRUTH FOR ALL TO SEE

“Prove all things, hold fast to that which is lawful”
– 1 Thessalonians 5:21

Another flawed claim they cling to justify a Lunar Sabbath is an assumption from Exodus Chapter 16:1. This conjecture is based on the phrase “on the Fifteenth Day of the Second Moon...” Because there is NO evidence in Scripture to support their LS, they desparately grasp this one verse and force it out of context to mean something that it doesn’t. Again, according to the LS doctrine: the 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th days of the LS calendar are “sabbaths”. We don’t have to infer or “read into” YHWH’s word to understand it. The Truth is simple to understand for those with the eyes of a child. We will examine this first verse, then the whole chapter in its context...

“Then they JOURNEYED from Elim, and all the congregation of the children of Israyl CAME TO the Wilderness of Sin, between Elim and Sinai, ON the Fifteenth Day of the Second Moon...”

I think we can safely make the case that they were journeying “ON” this day! This is **Proof#1** that this “Fifteenth Day” was NOT a Sabbath day of rest.

Proof#2 that this “Fifteenth Day” was NOT a “Lunar Sabbath” nor a 7th-day Sabbath, is the fact that in the evening of this particular day, YHWH sent and covered the Israelite camp with quail for food,

“Mosheh also said; You will know that it was YHWH when He gives you meat to eat in the evening ...between the two evenings you shall eat meat...And so it was at evening that quail came and covered the camp...” (v. 8a,12,13)

This was to satisfy their murmurings and complaints that they had “no meat” to eat! (Even though they had plenty of cattle, sheep and goats! see Ex.17:3) The translation “at evening” doesn’t mean “after sunset” or “night fall” to which begins the 16th day. “At Evening” should be translated “afternoon”! YHWH can’t send quail for gathering in the darkness! In Hebrew “evening” means 12-o’clock noon to 6 pm - sunset! In AFTERNOON of the Fifteenth Day, YHWH sent quail during the latter half of the day’s light-hours for the camp of Israyl to GATHER and PREPARE and COOK their meal. This is definitely WORK, which is forbidden on the Sabbath Day! For v.23 then goes on to command Israel NOT to gather, bake, or boil food on His Sabbath Rest!

The whole point of Ch16 was reestablishing which day was YHWH’s 7th-Day Sabbath; and so far, we can surely conclude that this 15th-Day was NOT a Sabbath rest of any kind! YHWH re-established His repetitive 7-day pattern of: 6-days of work and 1-day of rest & for forty years this pattern was repeated in the Wilderness (v.35) & NO mention of any LS law!

PILATE RECORDS YAHSHA’S DEATH

“Do not think that I have come to destroy the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to destroy them, but to establish them...” – Mattithyah 5:17

The final stake in the heart of this Lunar Sabbath doctrine of Babylon is the “NT” references that confirm when Yahsha h’Meshiakh was raised from the dead. And shouldn’t Yahsha be the One to have the last word in this subject anyway? As the “Teacher and Master of the Sabbath”, Yahsha gives us the FINAL SAY about the Laws of YHWH and the Law of His weekly Sabbath rest. He claims in Mark 2:27, “The Sabbath was made for all mankind,

and not mankind for the Sabbath; Therefore, the Son of Man is also the Teacher of the Sabbath.”

According to all Lunar Sabbath teachers, the High Day Sabbaths during Pesach and Succot must always occur in conjunction with their weekly Lunar Sabbaths, ie. the 15th and 22nd days of the month. But as will be proven, Yahsha was raised on 17th day of the first moon—which was a weekly Sabbath day!

The Jews have records of all High Sabbaths and Feast Days going back thousands of years. From the historical record and roman calendar of 30ce, the Messiah was raised from the dead after “three days and three nights” on the 17th of Abib – this was YHWH’s weekly Sabbath rest! This fact violates the Lunar Sabbath doctrine for the “sabbath” of these LS teachers must always fall on the 15th day of a month!

CALENDAR FOR YEAR 30 ce (Julian Calendar)

New Moon Day: March 23	March 30	April 30
Preparation Day: April 5	Su Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11	Su Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15
Feast Sabbath: April 6	12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25	16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29
Weekly Sabbath: April 8	26 27 28 29 30 31 1: 8: 15: 22: 31	30 6: 13: 21: 29

(from www.timeanddate.com/calendar/?year=0030...)

Let’s examine above the week of Passover, 30ce. We’ll see the Prep. Day (14th day Abib on April 5) the day the Passover lambs were killed. Note the day of the High Sabbath of the Feast (April 6), and the weekly 7th-day Sabbath (April 8). The “sabbath” spoken of in Yahchanan/John 19:31 was NOT the weekly Sabbath as taught by Christianity nor the LS teachers, but was the first High Sabbath Day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread!- NOT a 7th day Sabbath.

“Now because it was the Preparation Day, and since the Yahdaim did not want to have the bodies left on the stake during this Sabbath; for that Sabbath was a High Feast Day; they asked Pilate to have their legs broken, so they might be taken away.”

“Another proof to corroborate this calendar is Pontius Pilate’s letter to Caesar which explains why he allowed Yahsha to be hanged on the stake. This letter is on display at the British Museum in London. It is dated April 5; only in 30 ce did the Preparation Day for Passover fall on this date...”

– The Great Falling Away, Don Esposito, p.10

We know from prophecy that h’Meshiakh was to be “cut-off” in the midst of the week (Dan.9:27), and behold, Yahsha-the Lamb of YHWH- WAS literally cut-off/murdered on this middle day (roman wedn.)!

Then, examining the accounts of Mark and Luke, we find more proof that the events hold true to the different Sabbaths during this vital week in history...

“This man, Yahseph of Arimathea, went to Pilate and asked him for the body of Yahsha...and that day was the Preparation, and the High Sabbath was drawing near. Now the women who had come with Him from Galilee followed after, and noted the sepulcher, and saw how his body had been laid.”

-Luke 23:52-55, See also Mark 15:40-47

(These events took place on April 5)

“And when the High Sabbath of Passover was PAST, Miriam Magdalene, and Miriam the mother of Yaaqob, and Salome, bought and prepared sweet spices and ointments for Yahsha’s anointing.” (see Luke 23:56a; Mark 16:1; This took place April 7)

“Then they rested the weekly-Sabbath Day according to the 4th Commandment.” - Luke 23:56b

(This weekly Sabbath occurred on April 8.)

“Now when the weekly Sabbath was past, upon the FIRST day of the week, very early at the dawn of the day (after sunset) the women came to the sepulcher bringing the spices which they had prepared, but they found the stone rolled away, for it was large...”

– Luke 24:1-2; Mark 16:1-6

These witnesses corroborate the fact that AFTER 3-days and 3-nights, Yahsha was raised from the dead on that weekly Sabbath of April 8, 30ce. Yahsha has the final word regarding the continuity of the 7th Day Sabbath pattern - unchanged and unaltered by man, until the arrival of the Lunar Sabbath teachers of Babylon! Beware of adversaries changing YHWH’s Times and Laws! Just say NO to the Lunar Sabbath! “Let us be zealous to enter that rest!” – Heb. 4:11a



“...only a Remnant will be saved.”
– Romans 9:27

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