



LUNAR SABBATH
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EXPOSING THE LUNAR SABBATH

Often called the Creator's Calendar, or the Lunar Solar Calendar. Many today are coming to keep the Sabbath using the New Moon. And most who don't understand what a New Moon is, nor the history of the Jews, as well as Christianity are falling into this deception.

It is important for us as God's people to understand and discern when error is coming in among us as brethren and as our brother Peter said "...**be ready always to give an answer** to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:" (1 Peter 3:15)

Many times most are not ready to give an answer, some of us are new and unsuspecting and when new doctrine comes in among us, if we are not grounded grab on to many of these doctrines without a second thought.

What is a Lunar Sabbath?

Well, to be brief, the Lunar Sabbath is based on the New Moon. What is a New Moon?

In short, the new moon is the beginning of each month in the Bible. It is the first, or new, day of a month. (Eze 46:1) The Hebrew word for

months in the following texts is 'chodesh' (Strong's 2320), which means 'new moon.' The beginning of this day is marked by a particular phase of the moon, the Jews marked it by the first visible crescent after the change from a dark moon.



What happened on the New Moon Day?

Anciently the Jews would sight the moon from the mountains, and then they would blow the trumpet and light fires from mountain to mountain in celebration of the New Moon or New Month. Biblically, the word month and moon are synonymous. On these days they would blow the trumpet and have a sacred assembly. "**Blow up the trumpet in the new moon, in**

the time appointed, on our solemn feast day." (Psalms 81:3)

This day was considered to be a solemn assembly according to the Bible. The Bible says:

"Make thee two trumpets of silver; of a whole piece shalt thou make them: that thou mayest **use them for the calling of the assembly...**And **when they shall blow with them, all the assembly shall assemble** themselves to thee at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation... **in the beginnings of your months, ye shall blow with the trumpets** over your burnt offerings, and over the sacrifices of your peace offerings; that they may be to you for a memorial before your God: I am the LORD your God. " (Numbers 10:2, 3, 10)

These were days where sacrifices and offerings were made. And are often used in connection with the Sabbaths and Feast Days.

“And to offer all burnt sacrifices unto the LORD in **the sabbaths**, in the **new moons**, and on the **set feasts**, by number, according to the order commanded unto them, continually before the LORD” (1 Chronicles 23:31.) See also (2 Chron 2:4, 8:13, 31:3, Ezra 3:5, Neh 10:33)

Paul the apostle also spoke about them in the New Testament. And explained to the Colossians a gentile group that they were to let no one judge them in respect to them.

"Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an **holyday**, or of the **new moon**, or of **the sabbath days**:" (Colossians 2:16)

Some read this verse to mean that they were nailed to the cross, or done away, abolished and no longer to be observed or kept by the gentiles. However, the Bible tells us that the New Moons will be kept in heaven.

"For as the **new heavens and the new earth**, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain. And it shall come to pass, that **from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me**, saith the LORD." (Isaiah 66:22, 23)

Seventh-day Adventist Ellen White spoke of keeping them in heaven as well.

“God teaches that we should **assemble** in His house to cultivate the attributes of perfect love. This will fit the dwellers of earth for the mansions that Christ has gone to prepare for all who love Him. **There they will assemble in the sanctuary from Sabbath to Sabbath, from one new moon to another**, to unite in loftiest strains of song, in praise and thanksgiving to Him who sits upon the throne, and to the Lamb forever and ever.”

(Ellen White Amazing Grace 76)

Her husband James White also spoke of keeping New Moons in heaven.

"When the Restorer shall have established the immortal **saints in the new earth**, it will continue its revolutions, and **the sun and moon will measure off days, and months, and years**, as long as eternal ages shall roll. **The redeemed will have right to the tree of life**, which Adam lost through disobedience. **That tree yields twelve manner of fruits each month**. And why may not the words of the prophet in reference to **all flesh appearing before the Lord from one new moon to another**, be fulfilled when the **entire family of the redeemed shall come each month to partake of the new fruit of the tree of life?**" (James White, God's Memorial, 8).



James and Ellen White looked forward to the time when they would be coming together at the tree of life for a New Moon celebration.

Adventist Pioneer J. N Andrews also spoke of keeping these in heaven as well.

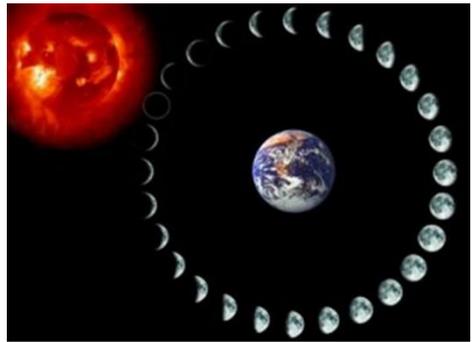
“...all flesh shall come to worship before Jehovah from Sabbath to Sabbath, and **from new moon to new moon**. Then it is possible for the human family to observe the Sabbath over the whole globe! We appeal to C, if it be not so! All flesh will have the Sabbath, and the Tree of Life, as first designed, both of which were made before the fall. **The Tree of Life shall yield its fruit every month, and thus shall its fruit be ready for those who shall come up from one new moon to another.**” {1853 JNA, RRCS 16.5}

In the book of Revelation John the prophet spoke of keeping the New Moons. Certainly, if they were nailed to the cross, then it would be odd that we will be keeping them in heaven.

"And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, **and yielded her fruit every month. (NEW MOON)**" (Revelation 22:1, 2)

The New Moon Cycle and the Lunar Sabbath

In the picture on right we see the circuit of the moon over 29 days. The average New Moon happens every 29.5 days as the moon makes its trip around the earth. When the moon is on the side of the earth closer to the sun we see less of the moons light because we see the dark side of the moon. But when it gets to the far side of the earth we see the side of the moon that reflects the sun. That is the time of the full moon.



After the dark moon is the day of the New Moon which is the 1st of the month. Just as a new creature reflects the light of Christ “the sun of righteousness” (Mal 4:2) So to when the moon reflects the light of the sun it is the “new moon.” The New Moon is the 1st day of the month.

As it comes back around some have said that they begin their Sabbath count from the 1st day of the month, or the New Moon, and keep the Sabbath every 7 days after. Some people use the dark moon rather than the crescent.

New Moon =1st of Month

Lunar Sabbaths

1st of Month = New Moon Day

8th = Sabbath

15th = Sabbath

22nd = Sabbath

29th = Sabbath

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Their calendar looks like this every month. (See Above Right) The truth however, is that the New Moon can fall on any day of the week. If your New Moon falls on Sunday this

month, then you keep the Sabbath every Sunday until the next New Moon.

Next month it could be Tuesday, or Wednesday. It changes each New Moon. (29-30 days)

Where in the Bible does it teach us to use the New Moon to calculate the Sabbath? Well, it doesn't actually. Some however try to use the following verse.

"And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years:" (Genesis 1:14)

The Hebrew word for "seasons" is the word "Moed" which is sometimes translated "Feasts" (See Lev 23) And so the reasoning of some people is that since God put lights in the sky to calculate his appointed times and since the word Sabbath is used in conjunction with the New Moons and Feasts, this must mean that the moon is used to calculate the Sabbath.

Do these texts really teach us to use the New Moon to calculate the Seventh day Sabbath? Or is it possible that some assumptions are being jumped to?

We know we have the Sun going up and coming down to help us count 6 days and rest the seventh. But some assume that we might not be smart

enough to be able to remember a 7 day cycle, and therefore we need the moon every month to get us back on track.

The Fourth Commandment - No Mention of the MOON

"Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God:For ***in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is***, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it." (Exodus 20:8-11)

You will notice in the commandment however that there is no mention of a moon in order to remember your Sabbath and to start your cycle each new moon. What the commandment does point us back to however is the creation of the world.

One commentary on this issue put it this way.

“I was then carried back to the creation, and was shown that the first week, in which God performed ***the work of creation in six days and rested on the seventh day, was just like every other week***. The great God, in his days of creation and day of rest, ***measured off the first cycle as a sample for successive weeks till the close of time***...The weekly cycle of seven literal days, six for labor and the seventh for rest, which ***has been preserved and brought down through Bible history, originated in the great facts of the first seven days***. [Ellen White Spirit of Prophecy Volume 1 Page 85]

That is fairly simple. And seems to agree with the commandment. She said she was “carried back” and “shown” this. I would hope she was shown by God, however, some might contest that it was the devil who “carried” her back and “showed” this to her.

3 Months in a Row

Many brethren have allowed this teaching to take them in a wrong direction. Most don’t know or understand, but let’s look at some Bible facts that will show where Lunar Sabbath keepers are being led off the path, and furthermore maybe we can help them to get back to the truth of the scriptures.

One prominent teaching that Lunar Sabbath keepers use as proof is a study that they often title 3 months in a row.

What is being said in this teaching is that in Exodus 12 there were three months in a row, (Exodus 16, and 19) the 1st, 2nd and 3rd month in which they made the Exodus, they say the 15th day of the month was a weekly Sabbath. And therefore by this teaching they have proven that the Sabbath always falls on the 15th of the month.

But if we study this carefully, we will find that even in the 1st month and the 15th day, that it was not a weekly Sabbath at all, but rather an annual feast Sabbath. And that there is a major difference between a weekly and an annual Sabbath.



Fact: In Leviticus 23 the Bible tells us that the 14th of the 1st month is Passover. The 15th day of the 1st and 7th month are always annual Sabbaths. (See Lev 23:6-8, 39)

"Also in the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when ye have gathered in the fruit of the land, ye shall keep a feast unto the LORD seven days: on the first day shall be a sabbath, and on the eighth day shall be a sabbath."
(Leviticus 23:39)

15th Always a Weekly Sabbath

The teaching of the Lunar Sabbath is that the 15th is not just a annual Sabbath, but always a weekly Sabbath. This is where the error comes in. Is there a difference between a weekly Sabbath and a Feast Sabbath?

If we read the Exodus carefully, we will see that the 15th was not a weekly Sabbath at all. Let's go through it carefully. If we show that the 15th of this 1st month where they exited Egypt is not a weekly Sabbath, then that implies that the 15th is not always a weekly Sabbath and that the 7 day

cycle is not connected to the New Moon at all. And finally that would imply that the Lunar Sabbath is not Biblical.

"And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you." (Exodus 12:1, 2)

This is the first month. What happens in the first month is the Passover and Unleavened Bread. Passover on the 14th, Unleavened Bread follows from the 15th-21st. And furthermore, the 21st is a Sabbath here instead of the 22nd as on Tabernacles when the Sabbath is on the 8th day of the feast instead of the 7th day of the feast like Unleavened Bread.

This creates another issue because the Lunar Sabbath is always supposed to be the 22nd. Thus unless they add another Sabbath to the first month after the feast, then the Sabbath for this month is on the wrong day and we have another issue since the 7 count is broken for this month.

The Passover 14th

"And ye shall keep it up until the **fourteenth day of the same month**: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening." (Exodus 12:6, See also Lev 23:5)

Unleavened Bread 15th-21st

"Seven days shall ye eat unleavened bread; even **the first day (15th)** ye shall put away leaven out of your houses: for whosoever eateth leavened bread from **the first day (15th)** until the seventh day (21st), that soul shall be cut off from Israel." (Exodus 12:15, See also Lev 23:6, 7)

Brought out of Egypt on the 15th Day

Continuing in verse 16 and 17 we are told that the Israelites came out of Egypt on the 15th day.

"And **in the first day** there shall be an holy convocation...And ye shall observe the feast of unleavened bread; for **in this selfsame day have I**

brought your armies out of the land of Egypt: therefore shall ye observe this day in your generations by an ordinance for ever." (Exodus 12:16, 17)

Did they come out of Egypt with Their Belongings on a WEEKLY SABBATH

"In this selfsame day have I brought your armies out of the land of Egypt" (Exodus 12:17, 41)

It is very clear that this is the 15th day of the 1st month. The book of Numbers clarifies the "day".

"And they departed from Rameses in the first month, on the fifteenth day of the first month; on the morrow after the passover the children of Israel went out with an high hand in the sight of all the Egyptians." (Numbers 33:3)

No Travelling on the Sabbath

We know for sure that this was an annual Sabbath. Lunar Sabbath keepers believe the 15th day is the weekly Sabbath. But was it a weekly Sabbath?

"Thus saith the LORD; Take heed to yourselves, and **bear no burden on the sabbath day, nor bring it in by the gates of Jerusalem;**" (Jeremiah 17:21)

The idea of bearing no burden on the Sabbath day includes not carrying all your belongings out of Egypt on that day. We will examine some differences between a weekly Sabbath and an annual Sabbath because they are much different days. But obviously God did not have them move out of Egypt on the Sabbath. Let's continue and the obvious differences between a weekly and annual Sabbath will be seen.

NO WORK on the WEEKLY Sabbath

In Leviticus 23 the "Feasts of the Lord" are listed. The first thing listed here however is the weekly Sabbath. Now Notice how much work can be done on this day:

"Six days shall work be done: but the seventh day is the sabbath of rest, an holy convocation; **ye shall do no work** therein: it is the sabbath of the LORD in all your dwellings." (Leviticus 23:3)

NO SERVILE WORK on the Annual Sabbath

A few verses later the feast of unleavened bread is mentioned and said to start on the 15th, which is the 1st month. The annual Sabbath.

"In the first day ye shall have an holy convocation: **ye shall do no servile work therein.**" (Leviticus 23:7)

There is a difference between the annual and weekly Sabbath. **No work** can be done on the weekly Sabbath and **no servile work** on the annual Sabbath, which is the 15th of the 1st month. Dragging your things out of Egypt on that day would have been carrying a burden and violating the commandment of doing no work at all if it were a weekly Sabbath.

God has a lesser restriction on the annual Sabbath. There is certain work permitted on the Feast day, or the 15th that is not permitted on the weekly Sabbath. For Instance:

The Weekly Sabbath - No Cooking

"And he said unto them, This is that which the LORD hath said, To morrow is the rest of the holy sabbath unto the LORD: **bake that which ye will bake to day**, and seethe that ye will seethe; and that which remaineth over lay up for you to be kept until the morning." (Exodus 16:23)

For those who are familiar with the story of the Manna, God taught his people that they were not to cook or bake anything on the Sabbath. That all food preparation was to be done the day before. However, when coming out of the land on the 15th, God told the Israelites to bake bread.

The Annual Sabbath - Cooking Commanded

"**And in the first day there shall be an holy convocation**, and in the seventh day there shall be an holy convocation to you; **no manner of work shall be done in them, SAVE THAT WHICH EVERY MAN MUST EAT**, that only may be done of you." (Exodus 12:16)

Cooking was allowed on the 15th day of the month. This implies that the 15th could not have been a weekly Sabbath. And if the 15th of the 1st month was not a weekly Sabbath, that implies that the weekly Sabbath may sometimes fall on the 15th, but sometimes it does not. This will become very clear as we continue.



But, we should be careful to note that this point alone if understood properly would imply that the Lunar Sabbath is a false doctrine.

Furthermore, if you are reading this, there is another thought I would like to add. Some people believe that the crucifixion happened on Wednesday. And that Thursday was an annual Sabbath. And that the preparation day on Wednesday. That is not true, because the annual Sabbath has no preparation day because they don't need to prepare the food the day before. The preparation day is only for the weekly Sabbath, and therefore if Jesus was crucified on the preparation day as the Bible says. (Luke 23:54) Jesus was crucified on Friday.

Daylight Sabbath - An Offshoot of the Lunar Sabbath

Another new doctrine that goes along with the lunar Sabbath is the doctrine of the daylight Sabbath. The daylight Sabbath teaching is that only the daylight part of Sabbath is to be the Sabbath day. And not the hours of the night. But there is another problem even right in front of us as we read this. Notice the word "day" and "night". Firstly....

"And they departed from Rameses in the first month, on the fifteenth day of the first month; on the morrow after the passover the children of Israel went out with an high hand in the sight of all the Egyptians." (Numbers 33:3)

So they say the "fifteenth day" is there Sabbath. And this is the DAY that they departed out of Egypt.

But wait does the “fifteenth day” only include the daylight hours as they are teaching?

"And it came to pass at the end of the four hundred and thirty years, even the ***selfsame day*** it came to pass, that all the hosts of the LORD went out from the land of Egypt. It is a ***night*** to be much observed unto the LORD for bringing them out from the land of Egypt" (Exodus 12:42)

They left in the “night” implying that the “fifteenth day” is not limited to the daylight hours only. I will touch on this again in the historical part below.

But the Bible is clear about this topic.

Day = Evening/Morning

“from even unto even, shall ye celebrate your Sabbath” (Leviticus 23:32)

"And the evening and the morning were the first day." (Genesis 1:5)

The 15th of the First Month Was Not a weekly Sabbath. But the first one being the 15th of the first month was an Annual Sabbath. This doctrine is leading us to violate the fourth commandment. Not only is it leading people to keep the wrong day, but it is also leading people not to observe the entire day from evening to evening.

A Wilderness Experience

"Six days ye shall gather it (manna); but on the seventh day, which is the sabbath, in it there shall be none." (Exodus 16:26)

Why doesn't it make mention of the Lunar Sabbath or New Moon, there is only a day or two between those. Does Manna fall on the New Moon? Is there a preparation day for the New Moon? Do we prepare our manna or food before a New Moon? Does it fall for 8 days straight? These are questions that are not so easily answerable by a Lunar Sabbath keeper. Why not? Because the Lunar Sabbath isn't in the Bible.

The Weekly Sabbath - No Gathering Sticks

"And while the children of Israel were in the wilderness, they found a man that gathered sticks upon the sabbath day...And all the congregation brought him without the camp, **and stoned him with stones**, and he died; as the LORD commanded Moses."

(Numbers 15:32, 36)

The Lord commanded a man to be stoned for gathering sticks on the Sabbath. A grievous sin. However on the annual Sabbath picking up sticks was commanded.



The Annual Sabbath 15th - Gathering Sticks Commanded

"**Also in the fifteenth day of the seventh month**, when ye have gathered in the fruit of the land, ye shall keep a feast unto the LORD seven days: **on the first day shall be a sabbath**, and on the eighth day shall be a sabbath. **And ye shall take you on the first day the boughs of goodly trees, branches of palm trees, and the boughs of thick trees, and willows of the brook**; and ye shall rejoice before the LORD your God seven days." (Leviticus 23:39, 40)

Notice that on this Sabbath, they were commanded to gather sticks and build booths for the feast. This is because there is a great difference between the weekly Sabbath and the Annual Sabbath. No work at all is to be done on the weekly Sabbath.

The Weekly Sabbath - Sacrifices

Two Lambs (Numbers 28:9, 10)

Annual Sabbath (15th of the 1st Month)

Two Bulls, One Ram, Seven Lambs, One Goat, Two Lambs (Num 28:18-22)

Some of the differences between a weekly Sabbath and an annual Sabbath are listed in the chart below.

<u>Weekly Sabbaths</u>	<u>Annual Sabbaths</u>
No Travel (Jer 17:21)	Travel Commanded (Exo 33:2)
No Work (Lev 23:3)	No Servile Work (Lev 23:7)
No Cooking or Baking (Exo 16:23)	Cooking and Baking Bread (Exo 12:39)
No Kindling Fires (Exo 35:3)	Kindling Fire (Exo 12:7-10)
No Gathering Sticks (Num 15:32, 36)	Commanded to gather Sticks (Lev 23:39, 40)
Sacrifice 2 Lambs	Sacrifice 2 Bulls, 1 Ram, 7 Lambs, 1 Goat
Preparation Day	No Preparation Day

HISTORICAL EVIDENCE

It is said by Lunar Sabbath observers that Jesus kept the Lunar Sabbath which implies that the Jews were keeping it according to the moon at least up to 31AD and the Jesus would have kept the Lunar Sabbath. Almost all Lunar Sabbath keepers seem to agree on this. Is this true? Is there historical evidence for this?

It is a well-known and documented fact that by 321AD Constantine was enforcing religious observances on Sunday and that the day was changed from Saturday and that the Jews were definitely observing a continuous 7 day cycle by this time. And I think we've already proven that even before that time. But I think we want to put not just a nail in this coffin, but we are going to make sure that it is sealed so tightly that our mind should not even wander down the path of thinking that the Jews ever accepted or kept a Lunar Sabbath.

Let me make a huge point here first. In America we celebrate the 4th of July, a day in which Americans declared independence from King George. Now if they were to



change this national holiday to June 4th, it would have to be run by congress, and it is almost certain that half of the nation would rise up in arms and bring their guns down to the meetings. But for surely it would be recorded in the history books. And this day is only kept by Americans once a year.

Now can you imagine changing the Sabbath of the Jews? A day that they kept every week for over 4000 years. The National Holy Day. There would certainly be a war, and most certainly there would be writings in history to document it. At least different sects of Jews, such as the Pharisee's and Sadducees'.

But the fact is there is no such record of a change in all the history of the Jews.

Where is the HISTORICAL EVIDENCE?

There is NONE.... No letters between sects. No division between believers. No uprisings of the Jews.

There is no historical evidence whatsoever that there was a gradual change between believers regarding the change of the Jewish national Holy Day from a lunar Sabbath to Saturday from any of the Church Fathers.

However, let me acknowledge something that is produced as evidence by Lunar Sabbath keepers. However unreliable it might be, let us acknowledge it. Here it is.

“The New Moon is still, and the Sabbath originally was, dependent upon the lunar cycle.” (Universal Jewish Encyclopedia, article: “Holidays,” by Max Joseph 1906).

Now this comes from a man named Max Joseph. Is Max Joseph a reliable source? Well, let’s read a little more about what he says regarding the Sabbath.

He says **“The origin of the Sabbath is obscure.”** (Universal Jewish Encyclopedia, article: “The Sabbath,” by Max Joseph 1906)



OUCH!!! This man is not a Bible believing Christian, and I can tell you right now, that he does not read his Bible. Because the Bible is very clear on where the Sabbath originated. (Genesis 2:2, 3) The creation account.

But notice that he continues:

“The origin of the Sabbath, as well as the true meaning of the name, is uncertain.... It was probably originally connected in some manner with the cult of the moon.” (Universal Jewish Encyclopedia, article: “The Sabbath” 1906)

Okay, there you have it folks. It was “”probably””, more than likely, maybe, I’m not 100% sure connected in some manner to the New Moon. I’m not sure about you. But I don’t use unsure sources. This man is not sure. At least say “It was connected” rather than “it was probably” connected. How did this end up in the Jewish Encyclopedia? I have no idea. Clearly there is no standards in that book.

He is saying “probably” it was connected to the New Moons. This is an unreliable source. But he continues, and it gets even worse for the Lunar Sabbath keeper from here if this is there source.

“It was probably originally connected in some manner with the cult of the moon, as indeed is suggested by the frequent mention of Sabbath and New-Moon festivals in the same sentence.... When the Israelites settled in the land and became farmers, (1400 BC) their new life would have made it desirable that the Sabbath should come at regular intervals, and the desired change would have been made all the more easily as they had abandoned the lunar religion.”

Okay, now let's really get straight here. This man just said that it was changed to a continuous weekly cycle 1400 years before Christ was born and 1700 years before the Roman Church changed the weekly cycle from Saturday to Sunday and became the monstrosity that it is. This source says the change had nothing to do with the Catholic Church.

Are there any sources to suggest that the Catholic Church changed it from a Lunar Cycle to a continuous weekly cycle? No. None. So what is left then? Nothing, other than a few fringe people who picked up on this, and everything saying there was ever a change is definitely dated after at least 1900 AD.

So there really is nothing historical as has been said to back up a Lunar Sabbath. Unless you want to use a source that says they changed it 1400 years before Christ and Christ never observed the Lunar Sabbath, I would suggest that as a Lunar Sabbath keeper you rethink this.

God is calling you back to the platform of truth and the true Sabbath which is part of that platform.

Real Historical Evidence of Real Things that Really Happened

Philo who was born in 20 BC and died in 50 AD lived during the time of Jesus Christ and though some have misused a quote of his on the New Moon he did understand that the Jews kept a Seven day Continuous Cycle From Creation

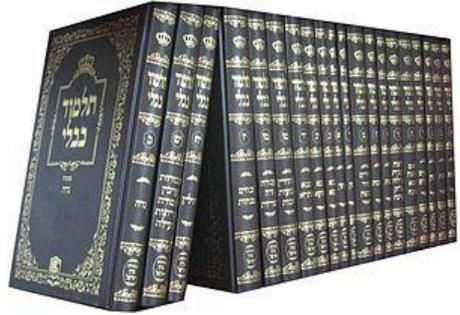
“...the nation of the Jews keeps every seventh day regularly, after each interval of six days, (97) and there is an account of events recorded in the history of the creation of the world, comprising a sufficient relation of the

cause of this ordinance; for the sacred historian says, that the world was created in six days, and that on the seventh day God desisted from his works, and began to contemplate what he had so beautifully created.” (Philo Judaeus, The Decalogue, XX, p. 526).

That is a Historian who understood where the Sabbath originated.

The Talmud

Written in the First Century and compiled in the Second Century, these people would have been talking about this change had it taken place. Or most certainly there would be no evidence of them keeping Sabbath on any other days other than the 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th.



They debated about almost everything. Something as major as a change in when the Sabbath is observed ought to have been at least debated somewhere. After all, they debated every little fine point of the law! The lack of such a debate speaks volumes. However, let’s look at a couple things. I will put a calendar up to the right so you can see the problem.

Problem 1. New Moons and Sabbaths are different, and the New Moons don’t fall on Sabbaths according to Lunar Sabbath keepers YET....It did according to first century writers.

“ *...If a New Moon falls on a Sabbath*, Beth Shammai ruled: One recites in his additional prayer eight benedictions and Beth Hillel ruled: Seven? This is indeed a difficulty.” Talmud - Mas. Eirubin 40b

Now certainly they would not

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have written that if the Jews were keeping Lunar Sabbaths. Because according to them Sabbaths can only fall on the 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th. But moreover they further write:

"Mishnah. The bones, and the sinews, and the nothar of the paschal lamb are to be burnt **on the sixteenth. If the sixteenth falls on the Sabbath**, they are to be burnt on the seventeenth, because they do not override either the Sabbath or the festival." Talmud - Pesachim 83a

According to Lunar Sabbatarians, the 15th was always the Sabbath. So why would they say "If the sixteenth falls on the Sabbath"? Well, I have some thoughts about that. And the fact is that Lunar Sabbath wasn't being kept in the First century.

Paul, Peter, and John who even lived up until 96AD never mentioned anything about the change from a Lunar Sabbath to a continuous weekly cycle. Did it happen, and yet not a peep about it? As I mentioned regarding July 4th. It can't just happen.

"...since the congregation bring on the first day of the feast of tabernacles when it falls on a Sabbath" Talmud - Menachoth 103b

Why would they say "when" the first day falls on a Sabbath? It should always have always been the weekly Sabbath according to Lunar Sabbath keepers. But it wasn't. There is much more we could bring from these first century writings. But it should be obvious to those who have some understanding of what they are keeping.

Josephus

Agatharchides who lived in the 2nd Century BC who documented that Ptolemy appeared before the city Jerusalem (320 B.C.), pretending that he wished to sacrifice, and seized it on a Sabbath. Notice what is written.

"There are a people called Jews, and dwell in a city the strongest of all other cities, which the inhabitants call Jerusalem, and are accustomed **to rest on every seventh day**; on which times they make no use of their arms, nor meddle with husbandry, nor take care of any affairs of life, but spread out their hands in their holy places, and pray till the evening.

Now it came to pass, that when Ptolemy, the son of Lagus, came into this city with his army, that these men, in observing this mad custom of theirs, instead of guarding the city, suffered their country to submit itself to a bitter lord;" (Flavius Josephus Against Apion 1:208 "209)

Every Seventh day. No mention of the New Moon. Sabbath EVEN TO EVEN not a daylight Sabbath. Josephus was an eye witness. Jesus did not keep a Lunar Sabbath, nor did he make mention of it, and he never once mentioned about the even to even Sabbath that they were keeping. Furthermore Josephus writes.

"...and the last was erected above the top of the Pastophoria, where one of the priests stood of course, **and gave a signal beforehand with a trumpet, at the beginning of every seventh day, in the evening twilight, as also at the evening when that day was finished**, as giving notice to the people when they were to stop work, and when they were to go to work again." (Wars of the Jews 4: 582 –Josephus)

Josephus was a witness that the Sabbath was from evening to evening. And that it was "every seventh day". That is a continuous weekly cycle.

"Nor had the Romans succeeded in their endeavors, had not Pompey taken notice **of the seventh days, on which the Jews abstain from all sorts of work on a religious account**, and raised his bank, but restrained his soldiers from fighting on those days; **for the Jews only acted defensively on Sabbath days**" (Josephus, Wars of the Jews, Book 1, Chapter 7, Section 3, in The Works of Flavius Josephus, page 618).

The Jews only acted defensively on the Sabbath, but did they only act defensively on the 8th day of the Month? Or did they act offensively? Josephus writes further:

"So **the Jews went on pursuing the Romans** as far as Antipatris; after which, seeing they could not overtake them, they came back, and took the engines, and spoiled the dead bodies, and gathered the prey together which the Romans had left behind them...**This defeat happened on the eighth day of the month** Dius, [Marchesvan,] in the twelfth year of the reign of Nero." (Josephus, The Wars of the Jews, Book II, Ch. XIX, Sect. 9).

If the eighth day is a Sabbath. Why were they in aggressive pursuance of the Romans when according to Josephus they only acted defensively on the Sabbath. Clearly the eighth day of the month was not a Sabbath.

These are eyewitnesses of the FACTS.

Cassius Dio Roman History

The Romans recorded some of their history with the Jews through Cassius Dio a Roman Statesman but also a Greek Historian who documented the destruction of Jerusalem. And here is the documentation.

"As it was, they made an excavation of **what are called the days of Saturn,** and **by doing no work at all on those days** afforded the Romans an opportunity in this interval to batter down the wall. Thus the defenders **were captured on the day of Saturn, without making any defense,** and all the wealth was plundered. ." Cassius Dio Roman History 37.16.1-4

Saturn = Saturday. The Romans observed that they did no work on their day of Saturn. This wasn't the Jews worshipping on Saturn according to the Roman gods as some suggest. This is the Jews worshipping on this day and the Romans learning about what the Jews practice was. This is more proof that The Jews were keeping the seventh-day in line with Saturday in the time of Christ.

"The Jews, indeed, had done much injury to the Romans, but they suffered far more themselves. The first of them to be captured were ***those who were fighting for the precinct of their god,*** and ***then the rest on the day even then called the day of Saturn.***

And so excessive were they in their devotion to religion that the first set of prisoners, those who had been captured along with the temple, obtained leave from Sosius, ***when the day of Saturn came round again, and went up into the temple and there performed all the customary rites,*** together with the rest of the people." Cassius Dio Roman History 49.22.4-6

The witnesses were there at the time, and this day of Saturn to the Romans was the Sabbath day. Why were they calling the Sabbath the day of Saturn,

the day that the Jews worshipped on? It is because they were keeping the Sabbath every Saturday? Obviously. And this is only some of the evidence.

Another eye witness was Roman engineer Frontinus Stratagem. He said:

"The deified Augustus Vespasian **attacked the Jews on the day of Saturn, a day on which it is sinful for them to do any business.**" (Frontinus Stratagem 2.1.1 84AD)

He was there in 84AD as a Roman, and while there said that it was sinful for the Jews to do business on the Sabbath day. It shouldn't be hard to figure out from here, that they were obviously not keeping a Lunar Sabbath.

The Dead Sea Scrolls

The Dead Sea Scrolls prove and also document that the Weekly Sabbath didn't Fall on the 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th of the month. And this was before Christ was on the earth. The dead sea scrolls have been preserved documents that are over 2000 years old. Several of the dates of the priest are kept in these documents. But there is something interesting that we should take careful note of that completely disproves the Lunar Sabbath teaching.

Mishmarot texts or the Priestly Service Texts. "Mishmarot" is a Hebrew term meaning "watches," and is used in this instance as a reference to the twenty-four watches or "courses" of the Levitical priesthood.

Here are some quotes from the texts.

1. "[On the first {day} in {the week of} Jedaiah {which falls} on the tw]elfth in it {the seventh month}...."

Note: The first day of the week does not fall on the twelfth of the month on a lunar Sabbath calendar. It will fall on the 9th and 16th of the month. Therefore they were not keeping the Lunar Sabbath.



2. "On the fifth {day} in {the week of} Immer {which falls} on the twe[n]ty-third in the te[n]th {month}."

Note: The fifth day of the week does not fall on the twenty-third of the month on a lunar Sabbath calendar. It will fall on the 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th of the month. Therefore they were not keeping the Lunar Sabbath.

3. "On the fou[r]th {day} in {the week of} Jeshua {which falls} [on] the twentieth in the second {month}."

Note: The fourth day of the week does not fall on the twentieth of the month on a lunar Sabbath calendar. It will fall on the 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th of the month. Therefore they were not keeping the Lunar Sabbath.

Noone can truly with an honest heart say that these writings were counterfeited or produced later in time. These all are total proof that the Lunar Sabbaths were not observed by the Jews.

Ask Yourself?

If the Jews before Christ through the 1st and 2nd centuries kept the Lunar Sabbath, and only later adopted what is called by them the 'Roman week,' why do the first century Romans keep saying the Jewish Sabbath is on their "day of Saturn (Saturday)?" The obvious answer to the obvious question is that the first century Jews, including Christ and His disciples, kept the same recurring seven day week as the Romans.

It is historical fact that the same week and day sequence exists to this day and has not changed and the Lunar Sabbath is a completely fabricated lie.

"One of the most striking collateral confirmations of the Mosaic history of the creation is the general adoption of the division of time into weeks, which extends from the Christian states of Europe to the remote shores of Hindustan, and has equally prevailed among the Hebrews, Egyptians, Chinese, Greeks, Romans, and northern Barbarians, --nations some of whom had little or no communication with others, and were not even known by name to the Hebrews." (Horn's Introduction, Volume 1, p.69)

Saturday in Different Languages

Arabic: Sabet	Maltese: is-Sibt
Armenian: Shabat	Polish: Sobota
Bosnian: Subota	Portuguese: Sábado
Bulgarian: Sabota	Romanian: Sambata
Corsican: Sàbatu	Russian: Subbota
Croatian: Subota	Serbian: Subota
Czech: Sobota	Slovak: Sobota
Georgian: Sabati	Slovene: Sobota
Greek: Savvato	Somali: Sabti
Hebrew: Shabbat	Spanish: Sabado
Indonesian: Sabtu	Sudanese: Saptu
Italian: Sabato	Ukrainian: Subota
Latin: Sabbatum	

The Bible says regarding the Papacy that “He thinks to Change times and Laws” _Daniel 7:25

This was fulfilled when “The Catholic Church, by virtue of her divine mission, changed the day from Saturday to Sunday” (The Catholic Mirror, official publication of James Cardinal Gibbons, Sept. 23, 1893).

This is well documented in history. And they tell us that changing the Sabbath is their mark of authority.

“Of course the Catholic Church claims that the change [Saturday Sabbath to Sunday] was her act... **And the act is a mark of her ecclesiastical authority in religious things.**” (H.F. Thomas, Chancellor of Cardinal Gibbons)

They didn’t change it from a Lunar Sabbath to Sunday. That never happened, and I think we’ve made that very clear in this little booklet. If you’ve went down this path believing this doctrine to be truth. Our Father is calling you to keep His Sabbath day Holy. (Exo 20:8-11) It is not Sunday, and it is not calculated by the New Moon. However, perhaps our Father in heaven is still calling us to observe the New Moon. He is definitely not however connecting the weekly cycle with the New Moon. He is calling us to stand together on His firm platform of unmovable truth.

Summary:

1. The New Moon is a Holy Day that was kept by the Jews and will be kept in heaven. It was not nailed to the cross.
2. Annual Sabbaths of the feasts are kept on the 15th day of the 1st and 7th month. These are different than the weekly Sabbath.
3. The New Moon is not a Sabbath.
4. The Jews came out of Egypt on the 15th of the first month. An annual Sabbath, but not a weekly Sabbath. On this Sabbath they could bake, make fire, travel, pick up sticks, but were to do no servile work.
5. The Weekly Sabbath has a preparation day. No Work at all is to be done on this day.
6. History documents that the Jews never kept the 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th of the month as Sabbaths on a regular basis.
7. History as well as the Bible document that the Sabbath began at sunset, not in the morning as some are coming to believe.
8. Jesus was crucified on Friday because there is no preparation on any other day of the week.
9. Lunar Sabbath believers get their historic documentation from unreliable sources such as Max Joseph.
10. Changing the national Holy day of the Jews from a lunar Sabbath would have been protested. And the writings concerning it would have been well documented.
11. THE BIBLE DOES NOT SAY ANYWHERE TO USE THE MOON TO START THE SABBATH CYCLE. IT IS ASSUMED.



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