

Foundations

Week 10/10

What Happened After The Apostles?

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PSALM 118:22



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**Epiphanius 375 AD - Panarion Books II and III. De Fide Second, revised edition
p.679**

“On the apostles’ authority services are set for the fourth day of the week, the eve of the Sabbath, and the Lord’s Day.”

Church History (Socrates Scholasticus) Book 5 Chapter 22 - 5th Century

“For although almost all churches throughout the world celebrate the sacred mysteries on the sabbath of every week, yet the Christians of Alexandria and at Rome, on account of some ancient tradition, have ceased to do this.”

Ecclesiastical History (Sozomen) Book 7 Chapter 19 - 5th Century

“Assemblies are not held in all churches on the same time or manner. The people of Constantinople, and almost everywhere, assemble together on the Sabbath, as well as on the first day of the week, which custom is never observed at Rome or at Alexandria.”

During The Apostolic Age - Big Events In Rome & Alexandria

“Since the Jews constantly made disturbances at the instigation of Chrestus, he expelled them from Rome. “ - Suetonius: De Vita Caesarum--Divus Claudius, c. 110 CE.

“After these things, Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. There he found a Jewish man named Aquila—a native of Pontus having recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had commanded all Jewish people to leave Rome. Paul went to see them; and because he was of the same trade, he stayed with them and began working, for by trade they were tent-makers. And he was debating every Shabbat in the synagogue, trying to persuade both Jewish and Greek people.” Acts 18:1-4 TLV

“Ye perceive how He speaks: Your present Sabbaths are not acceptable to Me, but that is which I have made, [namely this,] when, giving rest to all things, I shall make a beginning of the eighth day, that is, a beginning of another world. Wherefore, also, we keep the eighth day with joyfulness, the day also on which Jesus rose again from the dead. “ - Epistle of Barnabas 1st Century Forgery (Most Likely From Alexandria)

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Jews at this time considered both the oral and written law combined as the Law of Moses without distinction. For example:

“This answer made the Judeans all the more intent on killing him — not only was he breaking Shabbat; but also, by saying that God was his own Father, he was claiming equality with God.” John 5:18 CJB

“And he (*Peter*) said to them, “You yourselves know how unlawful it is for a Jew to associate with or to visit anyone of another nation, but God has shown me that I should not call any person common or unclean. “ Acts 10:28 ESV

“They stirred up the people, as well as the elders and the Torah-teachers; so they came and arrested him and led him before the Sanhedrin. There they set up false witnesses who said, “This man never stops speaking against this holy place and against the Torah; for we have heard him say that Yeshua from Natzeret will destroy this place and will change the customs Moshe handed down to us.” Acts 6:12-14 CJB

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“And count the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him, as he does in all his letters when he speaks in them of these matters. There are some things in them that are hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do the other Scriptures. You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, take care that you are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose your own stability.”

2nd Peter 3:15-17 ESV

“You see, brother, how many myriads there are among the Jewish people who have believed—and they are all zealous for the Torah. They have been told about you—that you teach all the Jewish people among the Gentiles to forsake Moses, telling them not to circumcise their children or to walk according to the customs. What’s to be done then? No doubt they will hear that you have come. “So do what we tell you. We have four men who have a vow on themselves. Take them, and purify yourself along with them and pay their expenses, so that they may shave their heads. That way, all will realize there is nothing to the things they have been told about you, but that you yourself walk in an orderly manner, keeping the Torah.” Acts 21:20-24 TLV

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“So don't let anyone pass judgment on you in connection with eating and drinking, or in regard to a Jewish festival or Rosh-Hodesh or Shabbat. These are a shadow of things that are coming, but the body is of the Messiah. Don't let anyone deny you the prize by insisting that you engage in self-mortification or angel-worship. Such people are always going on about some vision they have had, and they vainly puff themselves up by their worldly outlook.” Colossians 2:16-18 CJB

There are 2 main ways this text is read:

- 1. Don't let anyone judge you for not observing and not engaging in angel worship (majority view)**
- 2. Don't let anyone judge you FOR observing God's commandments against man-made charismania like angel worship, philosophy, human traditions etc (our view)**

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An example of how a very early gentile believer understood this verse:

**“Nevertheless they too erred from true knowledge. And in their imagination they conceive that it is God they serve; whereas by their mode of observance it is to the angels and not to God that their service is rendered:--as when they celebrate sabbaths and the beginning of the months, and feasts of unleavened bread, and a great fast; and fasting and circumcision and the purification of meats, which things, however, they do not observe perfectly.” - 125 AD THE APOLOGY OF ARISTIDES THE PHILOSOPHER
TRANSLATED FROM THE SYRIAC VERSION**

The Apostolic Age - Only Lasted Around 20 Years For Most

Paul - beheaded during the reign of Nero.

Peter (Cephas) - crucified during the reign of Nero.

James “the Just” (Yeshua’s/Jesus’ brother) - executed by stoning.

James (brother of John) - slain by sword under Herod Agrippa.

Sources: TERTULLIAN SCORPIACE 15, FIRST CLEMENT TO THE CORINTHIANS, Josephus, Antiquities Book 20: chapter 9, Eusebius Ecclesiastical History Book 2 Chapter 9:1-2, Acts 12:2

End Of The Apostolic Age - The Destruction Of The Temple

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“But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then recognize that her desolation is near. Then those in Judea must flee to the mountains, and those inside the city must get out, and those in the countryside must not enter her. For these are the days of punishment, to fulfill all that has been written. “Woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! For there will be great distress in the land and wrath on this people. They will fall by the edge of the sword and be led away captive into all the nations. Jerusalem will be trampled by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.” Luke 21:20-24 TLV

“But the people of the church in Jerusalem had been commanded by a revelation, vouchsafed to approved men there before the war, to leave the city and to dwell in a certain town of Perea called Pella.” - Eusebius Church History (Book III), Chapter 5, 313 AD

End Of The Apostolic Age - The Destruction Of The Temple

Today this sect of the Nazoraeans (Acts 24:5) is found in Beroea near Coelesyria, in the Decapolis near Pella, and in Bashanitis at the place called Cocabe-Khokhabe in Hebrew. For that was its place of origin, since all the disciples had settled in Pella after they left Jerusalem-Christ told them to abandon Jerusalem and withdraw from it because of its coming siege. And they settled in Peraea for this reason and, as I said, spent their lives there...

But they too are wrong to boast of circumcision, and persons like themselves are still "under a curse," since they cannot fulfil the Law. For how can they fulfil the Law's provision, "Thrice a year thou shalt appear before the Lord thy God, at the feasts of Unleavened Bread, Tabernacles and Pentecost," on the site of Jerusalem? As the site is closed off," and the Law's provisions cannot be fulfilled... People like these are refutable at once and easy to cure-or rather, they are nothing but Jews themselves..." - 4th Century "Panarion 29" by Epiphanius

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With a large multitude of Messianic believers in various synagogues proclaiming Yeshua as the Messiah, the non-believing Jewish leaders devised a plan to force the Messianics out of the synagogue without having to debate them or use violence.

The Birkhat HaMinim was a specific prayer added to the Amidah benedictions that called for a curse against believers in Yeshua.

“For the apostates let there be no hope and the regime of wickedness quickly uproot in our days, and may the Christians and the heretics be destroyed in this moment. May they be blotted out from the Book of Life and may they not be written with the righteous. Blessed are You God who subdues the wicked.” - 'Blessing' of the Heretics (Cairo Geneza Fragment)

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“Accordingly, these things have happened to you in fairness and justice, for you have slain the Just One, and His prophets before Him; and now you reject those who hope in Him, and in Him who sent Him--God the Almighty and Maker of all things--cursing in your synagogues those that believe on Christ.” - 2nd Century Justin Martyr Dialogue with Trypho

“Three times daily, in all their synagogues, they anathematize the Christian name under the guise of the Nazarenes” 4th Century Jerome from his Commentary On Isaiah (Isaiah 5:18)

“In our own day there exists a sect among the Jews throughout all the synagogues of the East, which is called the sect of the Minei, and is even now condemned by the Pharisees. The adherents to this sect are known commonly as Nazarenes; they believe in Christ the Son of God, born of the Virgin Mary; and they say that He who suffered under Pontius Pilate and rose again, is the same as the one in whom we believe. But while they desire to be both Jews and Christians, they are neither the one nor the other.” 4th Century Jerome Letter 75/112 To Augustine

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"I wrote something to the congregation; but Diotrephes, who likes to be the masher among them, doesn't recognize our authority. So if I come, I will bring up everything he is doing, including his spiteful and groundless gossip about us. And as if that weren't enough for him, he refuses to recognize the brothers' authority either; moreover, he stops those who want to do so and tries to drive them out of the congregation!" 3rd John 1:9-10 CJB

Revelation Chapters 1-3 shows us Yeshua was not pleased with most of the churches

"It is disgraceful, beloved, yea, highly disgraceful, and unworthy of your Christian profession, that such a thing should be heard of as that the most steadfast and ancient Church of the Corinthians should, on account of one or two persons, engage in sedition against its presbyters. And this rumour has reached not only us, but those also who are unconnected with us; so that, through your infatuation, the name of the Lord is blasphemed, while danger is also brought upon yourselves." - 68-95 AD CLEMENT OF ROME TO THE CORINTHIANS

End Of The Apostolic Age Summary

By the end of the 1st century...

- **The Jews have been expelled from Rome**
- **Most believers misreading Paul's letters are coming from pagan backgrounds**
- **There were apostolic congregations that decided to just start doing their own thing**
- **The destruction of the temple began the "age of the gentiles"**
- **There is a Sabbath ending forgery being attributed to Barnabas (from Alexandria)**
- **Messianic believers were forced out of the synagogues**
- **We only know of 2 congregations Yeshua was 100% pleased with (Smyrna & Philadelphia - Revelation 2:8-11, 3:7-13). Ephesus is doing the right things but lost it's 1st love while doing so and Yeshua does not want them to simply go through the motions (Revelation 2:1-6)**

After The Apostolic Age - The Bar-Kokhba Revolt (132 - 135 AD)

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After The Apostolic Age - Aftermath Of The Bar-Kokhba Revolt

The Quartodeciman/Passover Controversy



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Epiphanius 375 AD - Panarion

The Quartodeciman/Passover Controversy

Books II and III. De Fide Second, revised edition p.421

“For they choose to celebrate the Passover with the Jews—that is, they contentiously celebrate the Passover at the same time that the Jews are holding their Festival of Unleavened Bread. And indeed, < it is true > that this used to be the church’s custom... For long ago, even from the earliest days, its various celebrations in the church differed, occasioning ridicule every year... controversy was aroused in the church’s teaching about this festival—as in the time of Polycarp and Victor the east was at odds with the west and they would not accept letters of commendation.... This has been the situation ever since < the church > was thrown into disorder after the time of the circumcised bishops.”



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Irenaeus of Lyon 180 AD - Eusebius The Quartodeciman/Passover Controversy

(Disciple of Polycarp) Ecclesiastical History V. XXIV,11-18

“when the blessed Polycarp was staying in Rome in the time of Anicetus, though they disagreed a little about some other things as well, they immediately made peace, having no wish for strife between them on this matter. For neither was Anicetus able to persuade Polycarp not to observe it, inasmuch as he had always done so in company with John the disciple of our Lord and the other apostles with whom he had associated; nor did Polycarp persuade Anicetus to observe it, for he said that he ought to keep the custom of presbyters before... they parted from each other in peace, for the peace of the whole church was kept both by those who observed and by those who did not.”



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<https://www.newadvent.org/cathen/15408a.htm>

(190 AD) "Victor , who acted throughout the entire matter as the head of Catholic Christendom, now called upon the bishops of the province of Asia to abandon their custom and to accept the universally prevailing practice of always celebrating Easter on Sunday. In case they would not do this he declared they would be excluded from the fellowship of the Church. This severe procedure did not please all the bishops. Irenaeus of Lyons and others wrote to Pope Victor; they blamed his severity, urged him to maintain peace and unity with the bishops of Asia."



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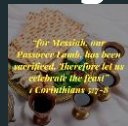
Paul's Final Warning To The Messianic Community In Ephesus

“Watch out for yourselves, and for all the flock in which the Ruach HaKodesh has placed you as leaders, to shepherd God’s Messianic community, which he won for himself at the cost of his own Son’s blood. I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you; and they won’t spare the flock. Even from among your own number, men will arise and teach perversions of the truth, in order to drag away the talmidim after themselves. So stay alert! Remember that for three years, night and day, with tears in my eyes, I never stopped warning you!” Acts 20:28-31 CJB

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The Quartodeciman/Passover Controversy

Polycrates of Ephesus 190 AD - Eusebius



"As for us, then, we scrupulously observe the exact day, neither adding nor taking away. For in Asia great luminaries have gone to their rest, who shall rise again in the day of the coming of the Lord, when He cometh with glory from heaven and shall raise again all the saints. I speak of Philip, one of the twelve apostles, who is laid to rest at Hierapolis; and his two daughters, who arrived at old age unmarried; his other daughter also, who passed her life under the influence of the Holy Spirit, and reposes at Ephesus; John, moreover, who reclined on the Lord's bosom, and who became a priest wearing the mitre, and a witness and a teacher-he rests at Ephesus. Then there is Polycarp, both bishop and martyr at Smyrna; and Thraseas from Eumenia, both bishop and martyr, who rests at Smyrna. Why should I speak of Sagaris, bishop and martyr, who rests at Laodicea? of the blessed Papirius, moreover? and of Melito the eunuch, who performed all his actions under the influence of the Holy Spirit, and lies at Sardis, awaiting the visitation from heaven, when he shall rise again from the dead? These all kept the passover on the fourteenth. day of the month, in accordance with the Gospel, without ever deviating from it, but keeping to the rule of faith. Moreover I also, Polycrates, who am the least of you all, in accordance with the tradition of my relatives, some of whom I have succeeded-seven of my relatives were bishops, and I am the eighth, and my relatives always observed the day when the people put away the leaven-I myself, brethren, I say, who am sixty-five years old in the Lord, and have fallen in with the brethren in all parts of the world, and have read through all Holy Scripture, am not frightened at the things which are said to terrify us. For those who are greater than I have said, "We ought to obey God rather than men." ... I might also have made mention of the bishops associated with me, whom it was your own desire to have called together by me, and I called them together: whose names, if I were to write them down, would amount to a great number. These bishops, on coming to see me, unworthy as I am, signified their united approval of the letter, knowing that I wore these grey hairs not in vain, but have always regulated my conduct in obedience to the Lord Jesus."

Aftermath Of The Bar-Kokhba Revolt Summary

By the end of the 2nd century...

- **The Messianic movement was still very much alive for both Jews & Gentiles. Most congregations still kept the Sabbath and Feasts such as the biblical Passover but many folded after The Bar-Kokhba Revolt - wanting to create a new identity distinct from Judaism**

Aftermath Of The Bar-Kokhba Revolt Summary

By the end of the 3rd century...

- **With many gentile believers wanting to create a distinct identity from Judaism many congregations started moving away from the Biblical Passover towards celebrating the Resurrection on Easter Sunday**
- **The origins of christmas & sacerdotal priests enter the timeline**
- **Believers in Yeshua struggled and fought hard with each other on how one was supposed to articulate Yeshua's humanity + divinity.**
- **Paganism was dying but many previous pagans that believed in Yeshua were accustomed to resting on Sunday in worship of the sun**

This is the background before the start of the 4th century...

After The Apostolic Age - Roman Emperor Constantine



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- **313 AD Legalized Christianity (Ended Persecution) with the Edict of Milan**
- **Resting on Sunday as law 321 AD “Let all judges, inhabitants of the cities, and artificers, rest on the venerable day of the sun. But in the country, husbandmen may freely and lawfully apply to the business of agriculture; since it often happens that the-sowing of corn and the planting of vines cannot be so advantageously performed on any other day”**
- **Used taxpayer money to invite hundreds of bishops in one room to hash out the Christian faith at the Council of Nicea 325 AD**



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“Therefore have nothing in common with that most hostile people the Jews. We have received from the Saviour another way; for there is set before us both a legitimate and accurate course in our holy religion: unanimously pursuing this, let us, most honored brethren, withdraw ourselves

from that detestable association.

After The Apostolic Age - Council of Nicea 325 AD



“...consider how grievous and indecorous it is, that on the same days some should be observing fasts, while others are celebrating feasts; and after the days of Easter some should indulge in festivities and enjoyments, and others submit to appointed fastings. On this account therefore Divine Providence directed that an appropriate correction should be effected, and uniformity of practice established, as I suppose you are all aware. Since then it was desirable that this should be so amended that we should have nothing in common with that nation of parricides, and of those who slew their Lord;” - Nicene Statement of Faith: Closing Words (Socrates)

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Council of Laodicea, Canon 29 - 363 AD

“Christians must not judaize by resting on the Sabbath, but must work on that day, rather honouring the Lord's Day; and, if they can, resting then as Christians. But if any shall be found to be judaizers, let them be anathema from Christ.”

- **PETER GEIERMANN, The Convert's Catechism of Catholic Doctrine, Second Edition, 1910, p. 50.**

“ QUESTION: Why do we observe Sunday instead of Saturday? ANSWER: We observe Sunday instead of Saturday because the Catholic Church, in the Council of Laodicea (A.D. 336), transferred the solemnity from Saturday to Sunday.”

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Roman Emperor Theodosius I Makes Christianity (Specifically According To The Council of Nicea) the state religion of the Roman Empire 380 AD

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Edict of Thessalonica XVI, 1, 2 - A.D. 380 "All are to be Catholic Christians.

"Those who follow this law we command shall be comprised under the name of Catholic Christians; but others, indeed, we require, as insane and raving, to bear the infamy of heretical teaching; their gatherings shall not receive the name of churches; they are to be smitten first with the divine punishment and after that by the vengeance of our indignation, which has the divine approval."

Edict of Thessalonica XVI, 1, 3 - A.D. 381 Trusted bishops.

"all who dissent from the communion of the faith of those whom the special list has named ought to be expelled from the churches as manifest heretics; and no opportunity whatsoever ought to be allowed them henceforth of obtaining episcopal churches that the priestly orders of the true and Nicene faith may remain pure and no place be given to evil cunning, according to the evident form of our precept."

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386 AD John Chrysostom, Against the Jews (To Church In Antioch) Homily 1

“Another very serious illness calls for any cure my words can bring, an illness which has become implanted in the body of the Church. We must first root this ailment out and then take thought for matters outside; we must first cure our own and then be concerned for others who are strangers. What is this disease? The festivals of the pitiful and miserable Jews are soon to march upon us one after the other and in quick succession: the feast of Trumpets, the feast of Tabernacles, the fasts. There are many in our ranks who say they think as we do. Yet some of these are going to watch the festivals and others will join the Jews in keeping their feasts and observing their fasts. I wish to drive this perverse custom from the Church right now... Therefore, flee the gatherings and holy places of the Jews. Let no man venerate the synagogue because of the holy books; let him hate and avoid it”

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Ignatius of Antioch to the Magnesians - 110 AD (Longer Recension)

“And after the observance of the Sabbath, let every friend of Christ keep the Lord's Day as a festival, the resurrection-day, the queen and chief of all the days [of the week].”

Get's changed to...

“those who were brought up in the ancient order of things have come to the possession of a new hope, no longer observing the Sabbath, but living in the observance of the Lord's Day” (Shorter Recension/Forgery)

The Last We Hear Of The Original Messianic Movement

- “Panarion 29” by Epiphanius End of 4th Century

“They use not only the New Testament but the Old Testament as well,; as the Jews do. For unlike the previous sectarians, they do not repudiate the Law, the prophets, and the books Jews call “Writings.” They have no different ideas, but confess everything exactly as the Law proclaims it and in the Jewish fashion-except for their belief in Christ, if you please! For they acknowledge both the resurrection of the dead and the divine creation of all things , and declare that God is one, and that his Son is Jesus Christ. They are trained to a nicety in Hebrew. For among them the entire Law, the prophets, and the so-called Writings-I mean the poetic books, Kings, Chronicles, Esther and all the rest-are read in Hebrew, as they surely are by Jews. They are different from Jews, and different from Christians, only in the following. They disagree with Jews because they have come to faith in Christ; but since they are still fettered by the Law-circumcision, the Sabbath, and the rest they are not in accord with Christians. As to Christ... they affirm his birth of Mary by the Holy Spirit... But now that we have also detected this sect-like an insect that is small, yet still causes pain with its poison-and have squashed it with the words of the truth, let us pray for help from God, beloved,



“The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.” Psalm 118:22-23 NASB2020



“When that day comes, I will seek to destroy all nations attacking Yerushalayim; and I will pour out on the house of David and on those living in Yerushalayim a spirit of grace and prayer; and they will look to me, whom they pierced.” They will mourn for him as one mourns for an only son; they will be in bitterness on his behalf like the bitterness for a firstborn son.”
Zechariah 12-9-10 CJB

Foundations Complete

Tree of Life Tabernacle Confession of Faith

<https://treeoflifetorah.com/what-we-believe>

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