

# PART 1 OF 4 WEEKLY SABBATH



**PROPHETIC SYMBOLISM FOR ISRAEL,  
FOR THE CHURCH, AND  
FOR INDIVIDUALS**

**THE FEASTS OF THE LORD**

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# ON MOUNT SINAI GOD GAVE TO MOSES THE DATES AND THE NAMES OF THE FEASTS.

- × **Sabbath**, The Day of the Lord                      Every 7<sup>th</sup> day
- × **Pesach**, Passover;                                      Nisan 14
- × **Chag Hamotzi**, Unleavened Bread; Nisan 15-22
- × **Yom Habikkurim**, First Fruits;                      Nisan 18
- × **Shavu'ot**, Pentecost;                                  Sivan 6
- × **Yom Teru'ah**, Trumpets;                              Tishri 1
- × **Yom Kippur**, Atonement;                              Tisshri 10

# PROPHETICAL INTENT

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- ✘ All of the so-called "Old Testament" Holy Days are intentionally prophetic.
- ✘ Not any one of these Holy Convocations has an end purpose in themselves, but even when they are fulfilled and are kept as memorials, they will still point to the future to come, and the Glorious coming of the Christ as the Reigning King.



# GOD'S CALENDAR IS BASED ON THE PHASES OF THE MOON. EACH MONTH IS A LUNAR CALENDAR

- ✘ Sabbath occurs every 7<sup>th</sup> day, year round.
- ✘ Pesach occurs on the first full moon of Spring.
- ✘ The first three Feast:
  - ✘ Pesach,
  - ✘ Chag Hamotzi and
  - ✘ Yom Habikkurim
- ✘ Fall in our months of March and April.

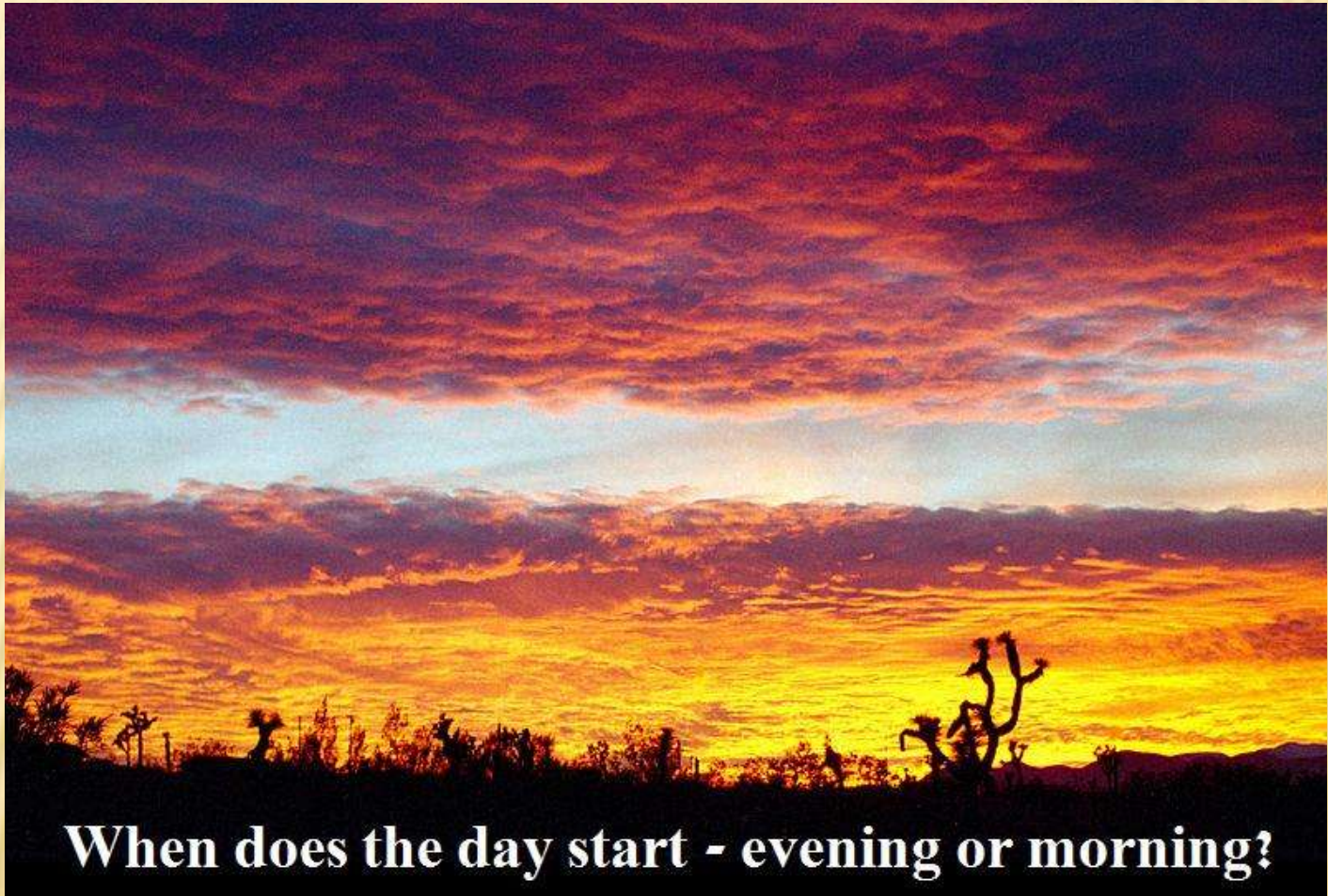
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- × **The fourth one,**
  - × **Shavu'ot**
  - × **Is in the summer harvest**
  - × **Falling on Late May or earlier June.**

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- × **The last three Feasts:**
  - × **Yom Teru'ah,**
  - × **Yom Kippur and**
  - × **Sukkot**
  - × **Occur in fall in September and October.**



# GOD'S DAY

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**When does the day start - evening or morning?**



# GOD'S DAY DESCRIBED.

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- × Start at the evening, and is from evening to evening, 24 hours.
- × Night hours, or watch hours: from sun down to Daybreak.
- × Day hours, from daybreak to dawn.
  
- × **Genesis 1:5 (NKJV)**
- × ***<sup>5</sup> God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day.***

# LEVITICUS 23:32 (NKJV) **EXPLAINS A DAY.**

- ✘ <sup>32</sup> *It shall be to you a Sabbath of solemn rest, and you shall afflict your souls; on the ninth day of the month at evening, from evening to evening, you shall celebrate your Sabbath.”*

**GOD'S DAY STARTS AT SUNSET OR SUNDOWN.**



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- ✘ Genesis clearly describes the evening being the beginning of the day,
  - ✘ Following we can see the description of every day in which the Lord God created everything with a command of his mouth.
  - ✘ **The series of seven days is a week.**
  - ✘ Sunday the first day and Saturday the seventh day.



# *In The Beginning God Created . . .*

Day 1

**God  
seperated  
Light**

**from  
Darkness**

*There was evening  
and morning*

Day 2

**God  
seperated  
the waters  
above**

**from  
the waters  
below**

*There was evening  
and morning*

Day 3

**God  
gathered the  
Sea together  
and caused  
dry land to  
appear. He  
caused seed  
bearing  
vegetation  
to appear too**

*There was evening  
and morning*

Day 4

**He made the  
sun and  
the moon  
to be SIGNS  
for Sacred  
Times**

*There was evening  
and morning*

Day 5

**God created  
the birds of  
the air  
and the  
fish of  
the sea**

*There was evening  
and morning*

Day 6

**God created  
the land  
creatures  
and last  
He made  
mankind**

*There was evening  
and morning*

Day 7

**God rested  
on the  
seventh day  
He Blessed  
this day and  
He Sanctified  
the seventh  
day too !**

*There was evening  
and morning*

THE  
FEASTS  
OF THE  
LORD



# LEVITICUS 23:1-2 (NKJV)

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## × *Feasts of the LORD*

- × *23 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>2</sup> “Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: ‘The feasts of the LORD, which you shall proclaim to be **holy convocations**, these are My feasts.*



# CONVOCAION

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- ✘ Throughout **Bible History**, "convocation" was used specifically and exclusively for God's Holy Days that God commanded to be Holy convocations.
- ✘ The original Hebrew word that is translated as "convocation" is (pronounced) *mik-raw* means *a called assembly*.



# CONVOCAION,

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- × From the Latin words con, meaning to, and voke, meaning vocal, or to call,
- × Means a summoned assembly.
- × A congregation is a group of people with a common faith,
- × While a convocation is a gathering in response to a summons.

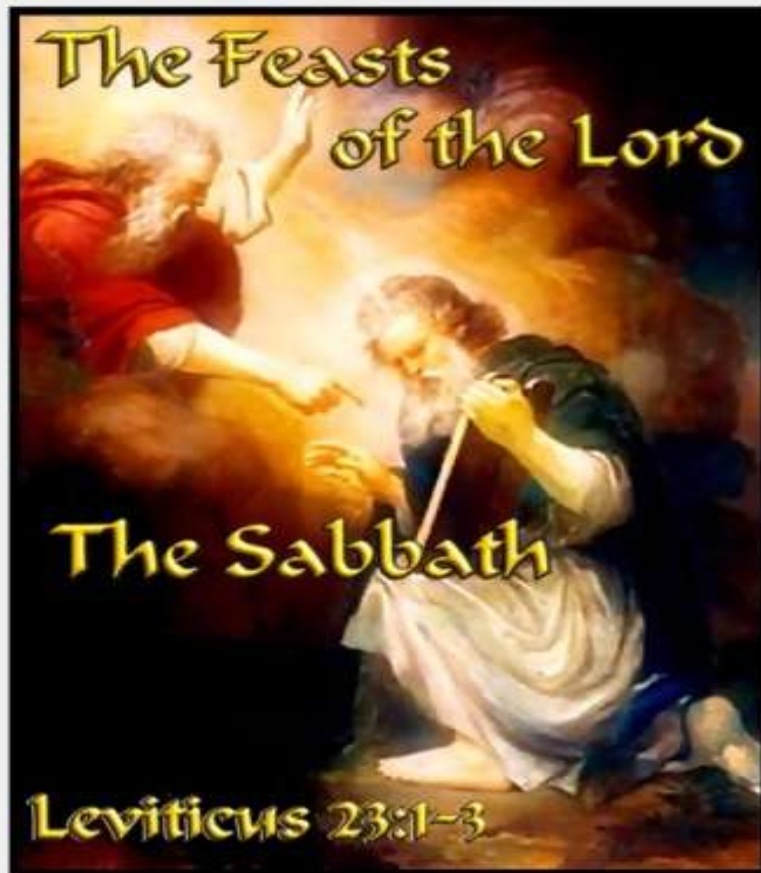
# REHEARSAL, “RE-HEAR”

- ✘ Another literal meaning of the original Hebrew word is *a rehearsal* -
- ✘ rehearsal meaning to “re-hear” what has been taught,
- ✘ However, in modern-day meaning, rehearsal is considered as *a practice session for a later event to be presented. This meaning is very appropriate for this case.*



The Torah Revealed at Sinai

The Torah Read by Ezra



# LEVITICUS 23:3 (NKJV)

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## ✘ *The Sabbath*

- ✘ <sup>3</sup> *‘Six days shall work be done, but the seventh day is a Sabbath of solemn rest, a holy convocation. You shall do no work on it;* it is the Sabbath of the LORD in all your dwellings.



# GOD'S WEEK HAS 7 DAYS

✘ **Genesis 2:1-3 (NKJV)**

✘ **2 Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished. <sup>2</sup> And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done.<sup>3</sup> Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.**

**Exodus 20:8-11 (NKJV); *This is God speaking.***

**<sup>8</sup> “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. <sup>9</sup> Six days you shall labor and do all your work, <sup>10</sup> but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates. <sup>11</sup> For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day**

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× **The 4<sup>th</sup> Commandment :**

**Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.**

× **Apparently the children of Israel have forgotten at some point about keeping the Sabbath, that is why the Lord had to Remind them.**

× **Going forward we'll see that Nehemiah had to exercise strong will and hand to**

## EXODUS 31:15-17 (NKJV)

- ✘ ***15 Work shall be done for six days, but the seventh is the Sabbath of rest, holy to the LORD. Whoever does any work on the Sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death. 16 Therefore the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations as a perpetual covenant. 17 It is a sign between Me and the children of Israel forever; for in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, and on the seventh day He rested and was refreshed.***”



# FESTIVAL DAYS AND WORK RELATED

DAY	CALLED	TYPE OF WORK PROHIBITED
Weekly Sabbatth	Shabbath; Shabbath – Shabbaton	<b>All Work</b>
First day Unleavened Bread	Shabbaton	All work of labor
Seventh day Unleavened Bread	Shabbaton	All work of labor
Feast of Weeks	Shabbaton	All work of labor
Feast of Trumpets	Shabbaton	All work of labor
Day of Atonement	Shabbath-Sabbaton	<b>All Work</b>
First day Feast of Tabernacles	Shabbaton	All work of labor
Eight Day Feast of Tabernacles	Shabbaton	All work of labor

# DIFFERENCES BETWEEN SABBATHS

WEEKLY SABBATH	FESTIVAL SABBATH
It's created by God and it's a division of time. Marks the end of a Week.	It's a Decree of God for Holy Convocations before God
Determined by God	To be calculated by using the lunar months
No work to be done, except the ones in the Temple, and the works of acts of love.	No work to be done, except preparation of food, and the works in the temple, and acts of love.
Can be celebrated anywhere in the world.	In a place appointed by God. Celebrated by covenant people
Death penalty for those who don't observe the Sabbath. Exodus 31:13-15	Excommunicated from Israel those who do not observe Passover, Feast of Unleavened Bread, or the Day of Atonement

# DIFFERENCES BETWEEN SABBATHS

## WEEKLY SABBATH

Points to eternal rest, special sign between God and His people. God gives special blessings for those who observe this order.

Isaiah 58:13-14

Every weekly Sabbath had the same sacrifice, with the same symbolism and meaning; this is the Sacrificial Lamb of God or Messiah as the only sacrifice acceptable by God for Salvation of mankind.

## FESTIVAL SABBATH

Also a sign between God and His people, with blessings to whom observe them. Each festivals points to different aspects to God's plan of salvation for humanity.

Each festival has its own different sacrifices, each with a different symbolism and an specific meaning in the plan of God for Salvation.

# THE NATURE OF SABBATH OR SHABBAT

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- ✘ Shabbat, it is a precious gift from **God**, a day of great joy eagerly awaited throughout the week, a time when we can set aside all of our weekday concerns and devote ourselves to higher pursuits.
- ✘ Shabbat is the most important ritual observance in Judaism.
- ✘ It is the only ritual observance instituted in the Ten Commandments.
  - ✘ Reference: <http://www.jewfaq.org/shabbat.htm>



# REST AND SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT.

- ✘ It is also the most important special day, even more important than Yom Kippur. Because there are more opportunities to be invited to read the scriptures, which is considered a privilege.
- ✘ Shabbat is primarily a day of rest and spiritual enrichment. The word "Shabbat" comes from the root Shin-Beit-Tav, meaning to cease, to end, or to rest.
- ✘ Reference: <http://www.jewfaq.org/shabbat.htm>

# TO REMEMBER AND TO OBSERVE

- ✘ ***Exodus 20:8 (NKJV)***
- ✘ ***8 “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.***
- ✘ Shabbat involves two interrelated commandments:
- ✘ to remember (zakhor) Shabbat,
- ✘ and to observe (shamor) Shabbat.

# NEHEMIAH ENFORCING THE SABBATH



## **NEHEMIAH 13:15 (NKJV)**

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- ✘ <sup>15</sup> In those days I saw people in Judah treading wine presses on the Sabbath, and bringing in sheaves, and loading donkeys with wine, grapes, figs, and all kinds of burdens, which they brought into Jerusalem on the Sabbath day. And I warned them about the day on which they were selling provisions.**



# JESUS AND THE SABBATH

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- ✘ **Jesus as a devote Jew He always kept the Passover.**
- ✘ **We'll have a quick look at some scriptures that describes how the Lord kept the Sabbath, and the way how He describes the true meaning of the Sabbath.**

# JESUS TEACHING ON THE SABBATH IN A SYNAGOGUE



# JESUS OBSERVED THE SABBATH

× *Mark 6:2 (NKJV)*

× <sup>2</sup> *And when the Sabbath had come, He began to teach in the synagogue. And many hearing Him were astonished, saying, “Where did this Man get these things? And what wisdom is this which is given to Him, that such mighty works are performed by His hands!*



## MATTHEW 12:12 (NKJV)

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- ✘ *12 Of how much more value then is a man than a sheep? Therefore it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath.*
- ✘ On healing the man who had a withered hand, Jesus was confronting the Pharisees and showing them what really is the core of the Sabbath. God's love does not rest at all.



## JOHN 5:7-10 (NKJV)

- ✘ ***7 The sick man answered Him, “Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming, another steps down before me.”*** ***8 Jesus said to him, “Rise, take up your bed and walk.”*** ***9 And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked.***  
***And that day was the Sabbath.*** ***10 The Jews therefore said to him who was cured, “It is the Sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your bed.”***

# NOWADAYS

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- ✘ **Does every Jew observe the Sabbath?**
- ✘ **Some do, some don't**
- ✘ **Orthodox Jews faithfully observed it.**
- ✘ **Others observe portion of it,**
- ✘ **While others don't observe it at all.**
- ✘ **Messianic Jews observe the Sabbath.**

# CHRISTIANS AND THE SABBATH

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- ✘ **What the Sabbath represents for us?**
- ✘ **Are we to keep the Sabbath?**
- ✘ **Why we have our worship gatherings on Sunday?**
- ✘ **What about Christians that have their worship gatherings on Saturdays?**
- ✘ **Is it a sin to work on Sunday?**

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- ✘ Allow me to start saying that Christians are not called to keep or observe these feasts.
  - ✘ However, knowledge of them gives us insight, and increases our faith and opens our understanding to enter into the revelatory realm.
  - ✘ Remember that everyone of this feast have a prophetic meaning for Israel and the Church, so is necessary that we get to know them.



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- ✘ Knowledge and understanding of these feasts will help us to have respect for these feast and for the people that observed them.**
  - ✘ This will bring blessings into our life, as we are respecting the plans, purposes and covenant that God has with His elected People.**

# CHRISTIANS OBSERVING THE SABBATH

- ✘ **There are some denominations that observe the Sabbath, they have their weekly gatherings to worship, they are:**
- ✘ **Seventh Day Adventists,**
- ✘ **Seventh Day Baptists,**
- ✘ **Messianic Jews, as well as the**
- ✘ **"Churches of God".**

# THE SABBATH DAY OF REST

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- ✘ Some scriptures point out that Paul and the early church were keeping the Sabbath day of rest.
- ✘ Let's have a look at some of these scriptures:

## ACTS 13:13-14 (NKJV)

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- ✘ ***13 Now when Paul and his party set sail from Paphos, they came to Perga in Pamphylia; and John, departing from them, returned to Jerusalem. 14 But when they departed from Perga, they came to Antioch in Pisidia, and went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day and sat down.***



# ACTS 16:13 (NKJV)

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- ✘ <sup>13</sup> ***And on the Sabbath day we went out of the city to the riverside, where prayer was customarily made; and we sat down and spoke to the women who met there.***

# ACTS 17:2 (NKJV)

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- ✘ <sup>2</sup> *Then Paul, as his custom was, went in to them, and for three Sabbaths reasoned with them from the Scriptures,*

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- ✘ **Here are some scriptures that are normally used to support that the day to worship is the Sunday, also called the Day of the Lord.**

# 1 CORINTHIANS 16:1-2 (NKJV)

- ✘ *Collection for the Saints*
- ✘ *16 Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given orders to the churches of Galatia, so you must do also: <sup>2</sup> On the first day of the week let each one of you lay something aside, storing up as he may prosper, that there be no collections when I come.*



# ACTS 20:7 (NKJV)

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- ✘ *Ministering at Troas*
- ✘ <sup>7</sup> Now ***on the first day of the week***, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul, ready to depart the next day, spoke to them and continued his message until midnight.

# SCRIPTURES TO PONDER ABOUT

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- ✘ Lest have a look at some words spoken by the Lord and the Apostles that are registered in the New Testament.

## MARK 2:27-28 (NKJV)

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- ✘ ***27 And He said to them, “The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath.” 28 Therefore the Son of Man is also Lord of the Sabbath.”***

## **LUKE 6:5 (NKJV)**

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- ✘ ***<sup>5</sup> And He said to them, “The Son of Man is also Lord of the Sabbath.”***



## ROMANS 14:5-6 (NKJV)

- ✘ ***<sup>5</sup> One person esteems one day above another; another esteems every day alike. Let each be fully convinced in his own mind. <sup>6</sup> He who observes the day, observes it to the Lord; and he who does not observe the day, to the Lord he does not observe it. He who eats, eats to the Lord, for he gives God thanks; and he who does not eat, to the Lord he does not eat, and gives God thanks.***

# **GALATIANS 4:8-10 (NKJV)**

## **✘ Fears for the Church**

**✘ <sup>8</sup> But then, indeed, when you did not know God, you served those which by nature are not gods. <sup>9</sup> But now after you have known God, or rather are known by God, how is it that you turn again to the weak and beggarly elements, to which you desire again to be in bondage?**

**<sup>10</sup> You observe days and months and seasons and years.**

## COLOSSIANS 2:16-17 (NKJV)

- × <sup>16</sup> So let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or sabbaths, <sup>17</sup> which are a shadow of things to come, but the substance is of Christ.

# ACTS 2:46 (NKJV)

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- ✘ <sup>46</sup> *So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart,*



# CONCLUSION

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- ✘ In Mount Sinai God gave to Moses the names and dates to observe His feasts
- ✘ Sabbath for instance is clearly to be observed by the people of Israel, *Exodus 31:15-17* shows that very clear. Jesus as Jew observed the Sabbath.

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- ✘ From scriptures we can see that the Lord CEASE His work and then rested
  - ✘ Sabbath is given special status as a holy day at the very beginning of the Book of Genesis 2:1-3
  - ✘ It is first commanded after the Exodus from Egypt, in Exodus 16:26.
  - ✘ It is the fourth of the Ten Commandment from the Law Exodus 20:8-11

## HEBREWS 4:9-10 (NKJV)

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- ✘ ***<sup>9</sup> There remains therefore a rest for the people of God. <sup>10</sup> For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His.***

## **MATTHEW 11:28-30 (NKJV)**

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- ✘ *28 Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.***”



# OUR SABBATH REST

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- ✘ **Jesus is our Sabbath rest.**
- ✘ **We must cease doing “works” to gain salvation or receive the precious anointing.**
- ✘ **On the cross He said: “It is finished”**
- ✘ **No More sacrifices.**
- ✘ **No more striving.**
- ✘ **On Him we have our rest**

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- ✘ The Holiday of Sabbath points out to the eternal rest in our Lord Jesus Christ.**
  - ✘ The first stage is the One of salvation. We cease of the slavery of sin.**
  - ✘ When our body dies, we cease from this world, we rest on him.**
  - ✘ At the end of this age, we will have the eternal rest with Him in heaven**

# NO JUDGING

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- × **Colossians 2:16-17**
- × **Romans 14:5**
- × **Teaches us not to judge the opinions of others but to be tolerant.**

# FINAL THOUGHT

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- ✘ Hebrew Sabbath means: to cease.
- ✘ Observed every week from Friday sundown to Saturday Sundown.
- ✘ Remembrance of creation and remembrance of the nation's deliverance from slavery in Egypt.
- ✘ Jewish were to imitate the rest of God on the Sabbath
- ✘ And to rest remembering that once they were slaves, and now allow their slaves to rest.
- ✘ No work was done, No fast on the Sabbath as this was a day to celebrate



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- × **Next week we will continue with The Feasts of the Lord that fall in Spring time.**
  - × **Passover.**
  - × **Feast of unleavened bread, and**
  - × **First Fruits.**