The Sabbaths Revealed

Summary

Was the Sabbath given only to Israel at Sinai — or does it go all the way back to Creation, for everyone? This article makes the case for the latter, and traces how Yahweh Himself first identified the day.

- Genesis 2 and the Fourth Commandment read as instituting the weekly seventh-day Sabbath at Creation, for all mankind.
- Yahweh identifying the correct day to Israel in the wilderness manna account (Exodus 16), before the Ten Commandments were given at Sinai.
- The Sabbath as a perpetual "sign" distinguishing Yahweh's true people.
- A contrast with man-made substitutes: Sunday, Baal's "feast days," Christmas, Easter, and similar customs.
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"Here is the patience of the Saints; here are those who keep the Commandments of Yahweh and the faith of Yah'shua the Messiah" *(Rev.14:12)*.

Upon opening our Bible, purposed to prayerful investigation, we are told to study to show ourselves approved unto Yahweh - to learn Yahweh's Will. We are commanded, as Israelites, to grow in knowledge as well as in grace *(II Peter 3:18).* All scripture is given by inspiration of Yahweh and is profitable to correct and reprove us *(II Timothy 3:16),* where we have, through assumption, ignorance, lack of knowledge, false teaching or prejudice, been in error.

There is one religious body which lays claim to being the sole infallible religious authority! It claims the Bible "is not a sufficient guide to heaven". It claims, through its own church leaders, that it, by its own authority, substituted Sunday for the Sabbath. This religious body offers the fact that almost all protestant and non-denominational Christians in the Western world, have bowed down to its dictum of Sunday observance as proof of its absolute authority as the Holy Roman Empire; the Catholic church!

However, for those willing to accept Yahweh's Word as the sole infallible authority, we are soon able to prove that Yah'shua the Messiah is the founder of the true New Covenant Congregation of Yahweh and that by His Word, it was prophesied in both Old and New Covenants, that men, under Satan's influence would cause "the whole World to be deceived" by changing "times and laws" *(Daniel 7:25).*

The Messiah taught His message - His Gospel - to the disciples during His mortal human lifetime. He founded the New Covenant Congregation on the day of Pentecost, after He had been resurrected, glorified and ascended to Heaven. Peter said; "Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, behold I lay in Sion *[the Congregation]* a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on Him shall not be confounded. Unto you therefore which believe He is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, and a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed" *(I Peter 2:6-8)*. Here the Messiah is plainly said to be the corner stone or the "Head" or "Chief" stone, and in Eph. 5:23 we read; "The Messiah is the Head of the Congregation". He, His written Word and the Bible are the supreme authority.

We are a creation of Yahweh - created for a purpose.

Yahweh's laws and decrees determine our happiness, well-being and success here and now - and our fate for eternity. Yahweh does not allow us to decide what is sin, His Word determines what is sin and compels us

to decide whether or not to sin. Sin is doing what Yahweh says is harmful and injurious to one's self and/or to others and/or what deprives you of Yahweh's blessings of peace, happiness, security, abundant and joyful living, as a condition to Yahweh's supreme gift of eternal life.

Yah'shua the Messiah had a considerable amount to say and to teach about the Sabbath and its observance. Repeatedly, He said the Gospel came direct from Yahweh the Father and the Apostles make it clear that "The beginning of the Gospel of Yah'shua the Messiah" *(Mark 1:1)*, is not the Gospel from Men about the Messiah, but the Gospel the Messiah preached as given Him from Yahweh. Yah'shua, when teaching as part of His Gospel on how to observe the Sabbath, said: "The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath: therefore the Son of Man is Lord also of the Sabbath" *(Mark 2:27-28).*

This pivotal text says the Sabbath "was made". It had to have a maker. Yahweh is a Creator, "who created all things" *(Eph. 3:9)*. Notice *(Col. 1:16-18):* "For by Him *[Yahweh]* were all things created that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible...and He is the head of the body, the congregation". The Sabbath was "made" by Yahweh, "for man" and obviously for a purpose, as Yahweh does nothing without a purpose!

Gen. 2:2-3; "And on the seventh day Yahweh ended his work which He had made; and he rested the seventh day from all his work which he had made. And Yahweh blessed the seventh day and sanctified it: because in it he had rested from all His work which Yahweh had created and made".

There were seven full days of creation. On the seventh day Yahweh "made" the Sabbath, not because He was tired and needed a rest, for Yahweh "fainteth not, neither is weary" *(Isa. 40:28)*, but "on the seventh day He rested, and was refreshed" *(Exodus 31:17).* So Yahweh rested to put His divine presence in that day, blessing it and sanctifying it to be "refreshed", not because He was weary. Yahweh "made the Sabbath" while resting on the seventh day, as Yahweh, "blessed the seventh day and sanctified it".

Sanctified means to "set apart for holy use or purpose". He set apart this day for holy use - a day "made for man" to physically rest, and to attain spiritual refreshment. Yahweh "hallowed" *(made holy)* the seventh day of every week *(Ex. 20:11).* The weekly "holy" Sabbath is a segment of Yahweh's time HE MADE HOLY, AND HE PROMISED TO KEEP HOLY, by resting and placing His presence in it forever! Yahweh made it, "for a perpetual covenant" *(Ex. 31:16)*.

In the Ten Commandments He commanded us to KEEP IT HOLY WITH HIM! It is a sin to profane that which is holy to Yahweh. Yahweh called to Moses out of the burning bush; "put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground" *(Ex. 3:2-5).*

Was the ground holy a mile away, or did it make a difference whether Moses took off his shoes, or where? That particular bit of ground was "holy" to Yahweh - Yahweh's very presence in that bush made the ground around it holy!

In the same manner, Yahweh's presence in His Sabbath made it "holy time". Four thousand years later, when this same God – instructed His Messiah, He was still putting His presence in that same weekly Sabbath "as His custom was". He is the same today as yesterday and will be forever; He is still KEEPING HIS SABBATHS HOLY by putting His presence in them! The same Sabbaths He "sanctified"; set apart for that very purpose!

Notice a prophecy for our time, in Isa. 58:13-14: "If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on MY HOLY DAY, and call the Sabbath a delight, *[not a yoke of bondage],* the holy of Yahweh, honorable: and shalt honor Him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasures, nor speaking thine own words: Then shalt thou delight thyself in Yahweh; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father, for the mouth of Yahweh hath spoken it".

We honour Yahweh by keeping holy (*AS Yahweh DOES)* those things that He has made holy. We dishonour Yahweh when we think the ideas and dictates of men - who have no authority to make anything holy, must be right. Yahweh has commanded us to "keep His Sabbath holy". We can not keep holy what Yahweh has not made holy first. The world, including religion, consists of a system of beliefs and customs which are "convenient" and have been derived from "the way that seems right to man", which is the way of sin. Men evolve many arguments to evade the Commandments of Yahweh. Because the carnal mind is hostile to Yahweh and not subject to His Law *(Rom. 8:7)*. When men reject the Commandments of Yahweh that they may hold their traditions, they devise arguments to justify their rebellion *(Mark 7:6-9)*.

Abraham, the "father of our faith" kept Yahweh's Sabbath Commandments 430 years before his descendants reached Mt. Sinai where Yahweh gave the 10 Commandments to the people led by Moses. "Because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my Commandments, my statutes and my laws" *(Gen. 26:5).* Yahweh is speaking - explaining why He made the great promises to Abraham. So Abraham had kept the Sabbath because, as we read in the New Covenant, that to break any one of the Commandments is sin *(James 2:10-11)*.

How do we know which day is still the Sabbath? Adam was living with Yahweh's presence and knew which day was the 7th. Yah'shua called Abel "righteous" *(Matt. 23:35)*, so Abel kept the Sabbath. Enoch "walked with Yahweh", so Enoch kept the Sabbath. Noah kept the Sabbath because Noah was a preacher of righteousness *(II Peter 2:5)* - and "all thy commandments are righteousness" *(Ps. 119:172).* Abraham kept it. But after the death of Jacob and Joseph, the children of Israel became slaves in Egypt for about 150 years and were not permitted to keep the Sabbath. There was no Bible or written record of Yahweh's Laws and many doubtless lost track of the Sabbath.

But the Bible says "Yahweh's Word", the "Word of Yahweh endureth forever". One month after leaving Egypt, these people arrived at Mount Sinai, and in the wilderness Yahweh revealed to them by miracles, which day was the Sabbath, and whether it makes any difference whether it is kept. "Then said Yahweh

unto Moses, behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a certain rate every day...that I may prove them, whether they will walk in my law, or not".

This was first spoken - preached by Yahweh on a Sabbath, three weeks before the 10 Commandments were given. Yahweh's law was in force and effect. Yahweh also preached to Adam on the first Sabbath - offering him the gift of eternal life. Yahweh is again preaching - putting his presence in the Sabbath - this time to Israel - through Moses, on the Sabbath. And when the people refused to obey and went out to gather manna on the Sabbath, Yahweh rebuked them: "And Yahweh said unto Moses, how long refuse ye to keep my Commandments and my laws? See, for that Yahweh has given you the Sabbath, therefore he giveth you on the sixth day the bread of two days; abide ye every man in his place"*(Ex.16:28-29).*

It definitely made a difference to Yahweh, who is the same today as He was yesterday and will be forever. "Yahweh has given you the Sabbath". Carnal man gave professing Christians Sunday - pagans, cut off from Yahweh - Baal worshippers - the "Sun" God, it came out of paganism, "abominations in the sight of Yahweh".

Yahweh spoke His Commandments; "Unto all your assembly and he added no more". It is a complete law - a spiritual set of laws and it was the basis in which the Old Covenant was made. The basis of the New Covenant we read in Hebrews 8:10; "for this is the covenant that I will make with the House of Israel after those days, saith Yahweh; I will put my laws into their mind and write them in their hearts; and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people".

The Messiah said on the Sermon on the Mount "Think not that I came to destroy [end] the law" - but professing Christians excuse their disobedience by pretending the law died on the stake *["Cross"]*. The Messiah said "swear not" - professing Christians and Christian nations universally hold up their right hands and swear. The Messiah said "love your enemies" - professing Christians go to war and kill them. The Messiah said "keep the Commandments", one of which says "remember the Sabbath day...to keep it holy". Professing Christians have forgotten it - they don't keep it holy and they try to keep an "unholy" day holy - you can't keep ice water hot - you can only keep hot water hot. The only weekly day Yahweh ever made holy was His Sabbath!

It is utterly impossible to keep Sunday or Friday holy as Yahweh never first made them holy; and man has no power to make anything holy! What Yahweh commanded to remember, rebellious man resorts to every argument of human reason to justify forgetting. If the 10 Commandments were abolished at the stake, then there is no law. With no law, there is no transgression. Hence no one has sinned since the stake, therefore we don't need a Saviour. Paul plainly clarifies this in Romans 4:15.

Yahweh stated the Sabbaths were a perpetual covenant, special to Him - that we shall "keep it holy" and He explains why a little further on in Exodus 31:13; "for it is a sign between me and throughout your generations: that ye may know that I am Yahweh that doth sanctify you". Yahweh commanded, "throughout your generations" to keep the Sabbath as "a sign" between Yahweh's people and Yahweh. The

Hebrew word "owth" is translated "sign" and means a flag, beacon, monument or other identifying mark or symbol. In other words it is an "identity" or "identifying sign" between Yahweh and His people in perpetuity - forever. This "sign" announces two things - "...that ye may know that I am Yahweh that doth sanctify you".

First, it is the sign by which we may know that He is Yahweh - it identifies Yahweh. But doesn't everyone know who Yahweh is? Absolutely not! The Bible says this whole world is deceived *(Rev. 12:9)*. This world has a god - a false god - Satan, who pretends to be an "angel of light" *(II Cor. 11:14-15)*. He has his deceived ministers of "righteousness", his many religious organizations, and false "faiths", most of which are professing Christians *(II Cor 11:14-15)* as well as Buddhists, Shintoists, Confucians, Communists, New Age Universal Force/Power thinkers, etc.

Many have appropriated the Christian name "for such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of the Messiah" *(verse 13)*. Satan palms himself off as Yahweh - the Bible calls him the god of this world. Many well intentioned Christians have been deceived into believing they know the truth and a deceived world is sincere in its belief. But the true God is the one we obey - and mainstream Christianity does not teach us to obey every word of Yahweh - only those that are "convenient" or "traditionally acceptable", which effectively means traditional Christians are obeying Satan!

Yahweh gave man His Sabbath for the purpose of keeping mankind in the true knowledge and true worship of the true God - the Creator of all things. Yahweh gave us the most enduring, lasting, imperishable thing a man can know - a recurring space of time, as the day He set apart as a memorial of the very creation we are part of. He took the only day which points constantly, every seventh day of the week, to the very existence of the all-powerful, almighty Yahweh - the Creator.

The Sabbath firstly identifies Yahweh - the very day which Yahweh set aside for physical rest and spiritual refreshment; it points as a memorial to whom we are to be thankful - the Creator/Ruler of all that is. The Sabbath also was given as a sign which identifies who are the people of Yahweh and who are not - "that ye may know that I am Yahweh that doth SANCTIFY YOU" *(Ex. 31:13)*. On the 7th day of every week, the Eternal sanctified - that is, He set apart for holy use, the Sabbath day for those who are His people!

We see that Yahweh says it is also a sign that He sanctifies - sets apart HIS PEOPLE from others, for His holy purpose - those who are His people. In Old Covenant times His people were the people of Israel. In New Covenant times, His people are those of the body of the Messiah - His Congregation of obedient believers - the truly converted, Spirit begotten Israelites. The Sabbath is Yahweh's sign which identifies those who are truly His. Yah'shua said, "and why call ye me Lord, Lord, and not do the things which I say" *(Luke 6:46)* and "not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter the Kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the Will of my Father which is in heaven" *(Matt. 7:21).* Only those who obey Yahweh can be His children and enter His Kingdom at the Second Coming. Most others will enter 1,000 years later.

Regarding idols as false and counterfeit gods, the second commandment says: "Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them nor serve them" - that is, obey them - "for I Yahweh thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity [disobedience] of the fathers upon the children...And showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments". The Sabbath Command is the only one of the ten which is a sign identifying who are the real and true Israelites today. It is like a "test" command. The world acknowledges the other nine, but positively rebels against the Sabbath - the crucial test of obedience. The Sabbath covenant was made "for a perpetual covenant" *(Ex. 31:16)* "...between me *[Yahweh]* and the children of Israel *[us]* forever".

The terms and conditions for us - the children of Israel, were obedience; the rewards promised were material for this world and through New Covenant faith in the Messiah - "eternal inheritance" *(Heb. 9:15).* We are "children of Israel", as, "there is neither Hebrew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female, for ye are all one in Yah'shua the Messiah. And if ye [Gentiles] be the Messiah's, then ye are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise" *(Gal. 3:28-29).*

"According to the promise", means we are heirs and we are also subject to the terms and conditions of obedience! Yahweh is no respecter of persons and He has only one law for all. We read in Hosea how Yahweh called the House of Israel *(the lost 10 tribes; us)* as "Lo ammi", meaning not my people *(Hos 1:9).* The first 2 chapters are a prophecy for the modern Western world - the lost 10 tribes, who are not "Jewish" as many erroneously assume. The very first place in the Bible that the mis-translated word Jew appears is in II Kings 16:5-6, and here we find the tribes of Judah and Benjamin at war with the kingdom of Israel who is allied with Syria! In these passages we find that the House of Judah *(one of the 12 tribes)* refused to rebel against the House of David.

Judah and the tribe of Benjamin formed a separate kingdom called the kingdom of Judah. They and those that call themselves "Jews", kept, and still keep to this day, the weekly Sabbaths and Yahweh's seven annual Sabbaths and Holy Days. No place in the Bible are the 10 tribes called Jews. The name does not properly apply to the Kingdom of Judah. Jews are not Israelites. The other "lost 10 tribes" have migrated according to Bible prophecy and history records to northern and western Europe and North America.

The true Israelites – Hebrews, as well as the Jews are indeed recognized by the world today as Yahweh's people, because they have kept Yahweh's identifying sign; the Sabbath. The identity of the Hebrew people is therefore not lost. Their identity as racial descendants from ancient Israel is known. The far more numerous "Lost 10 Tribe's" identity is not known - the world supposes that the Jews are Israel, when instead the Jews are simply masquerading as descendants of Judah. Here again the whole world is deceived, even as to the true identity to who really are the chosen birthright people of Yahweh.

Recorded in prophecy for the modern western world - the Lost 10 Tribes, Yahweh says; "For she did not know that I gave her corn, and wine and oil, and multiplied her silver and gold, which they prepared for Baal" *(Hosea 2:9).* This pictures us today. Yahweh has given us unprecedented national wealth as He

unconditionally promised Abraham - not because of ours', but Abraham's obedience. How have we used this wealth? In Baal worship - the day of Baal the Sun-god - called Sunday - in Baal's Christmas, Easter and other pagan "holi" days, as so-called Christianity, which is the very antithesis of the true religion of Yah'shua the Messiah. In verse 9 Yahweh says what He is going to do about it: "Therefore I will return, and take away my corn in the time thereof, and my wine in the season thereof". That is the famine prophesied by Joel, Ezekiel and the Messiah as well as in the Revelation. It is a dual prophecy - once fulfilled in ancient Israel and will again be fulfilled on their descendants *(us)* in the near future.

Yahweh continues in verse 11: "I will also cause her mirth to cease, her feast days..." - those of Baal, Christmas, Easter, New Year, Lenten season, Halloween - "her new moons and her Sabbaths..." - not Yahweh's but those of Baal, which our people call their Sabbaths - "and I will punish her for the feast days of the Baals...Therefore, behold I will allure her *[Israel]* and bring her into the wilderness" - in slavery and captivity - "and speak to her heart...and it shall be at that day" - the Second Coming of the Messiah - "that thou shall call me Ishi *[my husband]*; and shalt call me no more Baali...and I will say to them which were not my people *[lost 10 tribes]*, thou art my people; and they shall say, thou art my God" *(Hosea 2:14,16,18,23).*

The Jews were made slaves because they broke Yahweh's Sabbath, see *(Neh. 13:15,17-18).* Israel was defeated for Sabbath breaking and Ezekiel was commissioned to "go" from where he was among the Jews to the House of Israel. "Go speak unto the house of Israel" Yahweh said *(Ezek. 3:1).* But Ezekiel was a slave, and never physically in person, took that message. With Yahweh nothing is impossible. Ezekiel is taking that message to them *(us)* today, by means of having it written in his book in the Bible, to be delivered during these New Covenant times!

The True New Covenant Sabbath can be proved easily. Paul and Barnabas were teaching the Gentile converts; "But when they departed from Perga, they came to Antioch in Pisidia, and went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day and sat down. And after the reading of the law and the prophets the rulers of the synagogue sent unto them saying, `Ye men and brethren, if ye have any word of exhortation for the people, say on'. Then Paul stood up and spoke preaching the Messiah to them. And when the Hebrews were gone out of the synagogue, the Gentiles besought that these words might be preached to them the next Sabbath" *(Acts 13:14-15, 42-44).*

Now Paul was preaching the "grace of Yahweh" *(verse 43)* and here was an opportunity to explain that the Sabbath was done away - why should these Gentiles wait a whole week in order to be taught on the next Sabbath? Paul could have taught the very next day - Sunday - but in verse 44 we find that; "And the next Sabbath day came almost the whole city to hear the word of Yahweh". Here Paul waited a week, even when pressed by eager converts, passing up a Sunday in order to preach to the Gentiles on the Sabbath day. In Acts 15:21 we read; "for Moses of old time hath in every city them that preach him, being read in the synagogues every Sabbath day".

This is important because in Acts 15:1-2, and 14-21, we find a big dissension over whether Gentile converts must be circumcised or not. The apostles set out some basic advice and directions for these converts, including the above statement concerning the law of Moses. Why? Because they had been hearing Yahweh's law read and expounded every Sabbath and did not need further instruction in this area! It shows that the Gentile converts, who had normally never kept the Sabbath, had recently started doing so after they were converted under the teaching of Paul and Barnabas.

In Acts 16:12-15, we find Paul and Silas at Philippi: "we were in that city abiding certain days. And on the Sabbath we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont to be made, and spoke unto the women that resorted thither". It was Paul's custom to go to a place of prayer and worship on the Sabbath. The command says "Six days shalt thou work" just as much as it says "remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy". In Acts 18:1-4, we find evidence of Paul specifically keeping 84 Sabbaths, and also that he continued there a year and 6 months - working on the weekdays as a tent maker, and preaching EVERY Sabbath. And Paul "as his manner was, went unto them, and three Sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures *[Old Covenant]*".

It was his manner, his custom as it was with all his companions. Paul followed Yah'shua and commanded the Gentile converts to follow him even as he followed the Messiah. Yah'shua "as his custom was...went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day" *(Luke 4:16).* There are countless other New Covenant examples of the Messiah, the apostles and the Congregation, gathering together for prayer and to SHARE their revealed understanding of the Word of Yahweh on the Sabbath. Yahweh's New Covenant Congregation would not have been formed, had not the people been "gathered together of one accord..." on a Sabbath, the very day of Pentecost. *(I Cor. 12:13):* "By one Spirit we are all Baptized into one body" - the body of the Messiah - Yahweh's true Congregation. Receiving Yahweh's Spirit makes us partakers of the "divine nature" *(II Peter 1:4).* Such are the Children of Yahweh - and such compose Yahweh's Congregation, with the Messiah as the Head of the Body. Yah'shua the Messiah said in John 15: "I am the vine, ye are the branches". We are told to abide in Him, *(verse 4-5)* or spiritually we can do nothing. A grape branch can do nothing unless joined to the vine.

The Bible says about Israelite Fellowship; "that which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Yah'shua the Messiah...If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in the darkness *[that is, disobey His commands]*, we lie, and do not the truth; but if we walk in light *[being doers of the word and not hearers only]* being obedient, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Yah'shua the Messiah His Son cleanseth us from all sin" *(1 John 1:3,6,7).*

We can have true Israelite fellowship only when each of us is joined to the Messiah, and to the Father - as branches joined to the vine. When people meet on their own human-appointed day, trying to join

themselves together in a church group, the Messiah is not present with them in that fellowship. He never puts His presence in such a man-made "holi" day - He puts it in His HOLY DAY!

This is confirmed in Scripture of Matthew 18:1,19-20, where Yah'shua the Messiah, when speaking to His disciples; His obedient ones: "at that time the disciples came to Yah'shua, saying, `who then is greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven?'"...again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in Heaven. For where two or more are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them."" Here Yah'shua is plainly saying that He would indeed be "present" in the midst of His "disciples", the truly obedient members of the body of His Congregation, or more precisely, His saints.

He would be in their blessed presence on any or every day of the week, as indeed His true "followers of the way" would never be gathered together following pagan traditions or false doctrine. The special "presence" that Yahweh promises His obedient followers who gather together and keep the Sabbath Holy, is the very fact that for doing so, He will sanctify them, that is bless them with His Holy Spirit, which sets them apart from the rest of this world for His use and His Holy purpose.

Yah'shua nowhere implies that He will put His presence in the midst of them that are disobedient, or that Yahweh will sanctify such behaviour; quite the contrary! Yah'shua did say quite categorically "Howbeit in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men" and, "Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter the Kingdom of Heaven; but he that doeth the Will of my Father which is in Heaven". The Messiah plainly says that whatever you do, even in His name, while not being obedient to the Father's Will, is all utterly in vain!

Some 4,000 years after Yahweh, blessed and made the Sabbath holy, the Messiah came in human flesh and still kept the Sabbath holy by confirming Yahweh's presence in it "as his custom was". Yahweh had not changed - He is still the same today. So His presence is in His day, the same today as then. When Yahweh's own obedient children walk with the Messiah in harmony and obedience, and join in assembly on His Holy Day, they actually have spiritual fellowship with the Messiah and Yahweh the Father.

When people assemble on Sunday, the Messiah's presence is not in that day. You may argue to have your own way, but the Messiah Himself said you can worship Him in vain. The Bible says "Yahweh is Spirit; and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth" *(John 4:24).* Churches and Pastors today say "Worship Yahweh according to the dictates of your own conscience". That is contrary to what Yahweh says. Yahweh says "in spirit and in truth", and Yah'shua said plainly "thy word is truth". Yahweh's Word; the Bible, is truth. The Bible authorizes and explains why the Sabbath is for gathering in assembly for physical rest and spiritual refreshment, because His presence is in His Holy day, evidenced by His promise to keep it holy, and to sanctify those of us who keep it holy with Him!

Those who assemble to worship Yahweh contrary to the way Yahweh's Word commands are not doing so in spirit and in truth, and Yahweh will not accept their worship! The Messiah Himself said you can not

only profess His name and call yourself a Israelite, but you may actually worship Him and do it in vain - still totally "unsaved". "Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. For laying aside the commandment of Yahweh, ye hold the tradition of men...ye REJECT the commandment of Yahweh, that ye may keep your own tradition" *(Mark 7:7-9)*. Of these traditions, Yahweh says they are: "an abomination unto Yahweh"!

The Sabbath Command tells us how to keep Yahweh's Sabbath Holy: "Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of Yahweh your God. In it *[the Sabbath]* you shall DO NO WORK...therefore Yahweh blessed the Sabbath day and HALLOWED it" *(Exodus 20:8-11)*. "Hallowed", means that Yahweh set the Sabbath apart as Holy - a day MADE FOR MAN, for man to be in the very presence of the Spirit of Yahweh. A day of physical rest and a special day for thanksgiving, to "continually offer the sacrifice of praise to Yahweh, that is the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name" *(Hebrews 13:15,16)*.

Yahweh further instructs us through Nehemiah, that we should do NO BUYING OR SELLING on the Sabbath: "What evil thing is this [buying, selling - conducting commerce] that you do, by which you profane the Sabbath day?" *(13:15-17)*.

All those who conduct commerce (buy or sell - which forces others to work) on a Sabbath, or who perform their customary work - that source of livelihood by which they earn their household income, and those who keep such false "pagan-come-Christian" traditions as "Sun"day gatherings, Christmas, Easter, etc., are rejecting the Commandment of Yahweh, disobeying His command to keep the Sabbath holy, and are guilty of sin! Any worship they might offer, as well as their attempt to live a "Christian" lifestyle, is all utterly in vain - Yah'shua the Messiah said so!

The definition of an Israelite is one who has received the Gift of Yahweh's Holy Spirit and is being led by the Spirit of Yahweh. In other words, the Messiah in you is your hope of glory *(Col. 1:27)*. It means literally, that the Messiah is in you in Spirit, living through you.

Our Saviour who literally comes inside us - in our minds and hearts, to cleanse us and save us from within. Now if Yah'shua is in you, will He in you, profane His own HOLY day *(by working or conducting commerce)*, or worse yet, by observing a pagan "holi" day instead - impossible!

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