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Is the Lunar Sabbath Scriptural?

YHWH – The four letter name of G-d

Yahushua – Commonly called Jesus in the West

Torah – First five books of the Bible written by Moses

AFNHSS – Abrahamic-Faith Nazarene Hebraic Study Scriptures

Whilst I do not want to condemn anyone who is simply trying to obey G-d but I have to address this as this topic has been running now for almost three years and I have tried to remain quite without addressing it publicly and I rejected the notion three years ago as unscriptural.

There are so many groups who are trying to teach that G-d operated on a lunar calendar therefore the Sabbath has to be on a cycle of 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th days each month. Then you have to deal with the fact that the same Lunar days fall one or two days later each month.

Here this is what it may look like:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8			
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15			
		16	17	18	19	20	21	22		
			23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30

First the common sense argument

If G-d intended us to obey His Sabbath by the Lunar calendar then one has to ask what man or woman is able to keep the Sabbath on different days of the week? It wasn't only for the Israelites in the wilderness. G-d knew about the exile too.

Which employer in this day and age will allow us to take off a different day each week based on the Lunar Sabbath cycle? The only way then most of us would keep the Lunar Sabbath is to be unemployed and unhappy people but G-d says this in Ps1:1.

Psalm 1:1 (AFNHSS) Happy¹ is the man that does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the halacha (way) of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful.²

¹ The Hebrew word Asher H835 more accurately means happy. Having the Elohim of Israel as your head will make you happy and happiness will bring good health and blessings will follow from being obedient to Torah.

² He is happy because the Torah will bring him blessings and honour but sitting between scoffers will only bring dishonour and shame.

Scripture itself shows us that nobody unemployed would be happy while his family is trying to find food to eat. Scripture negates a lunar Sabbath at many levels and so does science. G-d knew we were going to be in the exile for many years therefore He would make it easier for us not harder. This is why if we look He in fact did make it easier as the western nations made weekly holidays to be Saturday and Sunday and naturally the 7th day cycle each week falls on Friday Sunset to Saturday Sunset. This would also make dispensationalists true and us false because they would say see, G-d would not expect you to keep the Lunar Sabbath because you couldn't therefore the law is abrogated or on hold. However the truth is both dispensationalist and Lunar Sabbath people are 100% wrong. I will show you in a second why.

King Solomon's prayer

2 Chronicles 7:14 (KJV) If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and **turn from their wicked ways**; then will I hear from heaven, and will **forgive their sin**, and will **heal their land**.

So G-d would bless us if we turn away from our wicked ways, the only way we turn away from wicked ways is to obey the Torah of Moses because that is what judges wickedness. Scripture is clear not to walk in the Torah is sinfulness.

1John 3:4 (KJV) Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: **for sin is the transgression of the law (Torah)**.

Dispensationalism is false because it allows you to commit sins which are against the Torah of G-d. If we could not keep the law of Moses in the exile then we also transgress the law and that means G-d could not forgive us since by definition we could not turn away from wickedness. If we could not keep his lunar Sabbath or his fixed dates Sabbath later in this article then how could we ever be right before G-d? This my friends negates both dispensationalist as a lie and also the Lunar Sabbath.

Concrete proof that Lunar Sabbath is wrong

Zechar'yah 8:23 (AFNHSS) Thus saith YHWH of hosts; In those days it shall come to pass, that ten men shall take hold out of all languages of the nations, even shall take hold **of the tzitzit of him that is a Yahudi** (Jewish), saying, We will go with you: for we have heard that Elohim is with you.

This is an orthodox Jewish man in the future, he is not Christian and he is not a lunar Sabbath keeper because no Orthodox Jewish person believes in this so this is clear proof that he did not have to be a Christian into dispensationalism or into the Lunar or fix dates Sabbath to have G-d with him. In fact he would be quite happily keeping the cyclical 7th day Sabbath and look G-d is with him. He is actually leading Christians into the kingdom. Shame on Christianity and its bad theologies for lying to people that they need to abrogate the law/Torah of G-d to have grace.

YHWH's day is always sunset to sunset while you will find the Lunar Sabbath keepers will twist the meaning of the Hebrew word boker (morning) and Ereb (Evening) to fit their erroneous agenda.

Genesis 1:5 (NKJV) G-d called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the **evening and the morning** were the **first day**.

Note Evening plus Morning equals One day or in the Hebrew, Day One, Yom Rishon. This is how the Jewish people arrived at day from sunset to sunset but this is not the only passage there are many others too.

So if the L-rd could not keep the 7th day weekly cycle, this would indicate that G-d could not foresee the future thereby he allowed a Sabbath to operate that could not be kept by most people which would also mean that G-d deliberately allowed His own commandments to be broken and therefore people to be punished for it. Remember breaking of the Sabbath was and still is a capital crime. Yet we know that this is not the case because this lunar Sabbath idea has been created by people out of their own preconceived notions of what scripture should be and should not be by altering the meaning of the Hebrew they try to achieve their agenda. I dare you to find two lunar months where the Sabbath cycle matches and I guarantee that you won't find it in sequence. Yes some Saturdays will fall on the Lunar cycle but it really makes no difference if they do or don't.

The lunar Sabbath breaks at the most basic commonsense level as I have shown you above yet I have not gone into detailed scripture where people have misread and then come up with an incorrect conclusion.

The scriptures that the Lunar Sabbatarians quote you appear to fit but only within their own provided parameters but breaks after the lunar month is over because the lunar cycle is not a consistent 28 days (7 days times 4) but a 29.5 days average. This means the next Sabbath is at least a day late or a day and a half late which cannot be accounted in anyway. Most Lunar Sabbatarians then have to juggle the moon in their palms while no one is looking and say well since the moon is not seen those days cannot be counted.

1st cycle

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Next cycle

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Do you see the failure? When we start from 29.5 days of the lunar cycle completing and start counting our clock the Sabbath never reaches the 8, 15, 22 and 29 days. In fact we only go as far as day 6 and then it is a 7.5 days already which means the next Lunar Sabbath actually fell later.

Let me show you the maths:

29.5 days month complete.

30th day = ½ day.

1,2,3,4,5,6,7 – by the time you have reached the 6th day you are actually 6-1/2 days in it and then you add the next half day so what time do you start the Sabbath? This shows us that you reach your Sabbath not at sunset but at mid afternoon as that is when your Sabbath starts. If we strictly stuck to the 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th cycles then if you count from the last 29.5 days to the next 8th day cycle you arrive at well let's count. 29.5 cycle concludes. OK, 29.5 + half = 30. ½ day, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8th day Sabbath. Do you see you end up at 8 ½ days or could be just 8 days if it was a 30 day Lunar cycle so it just does not match and does not fit. Remember G-d never blessed the 8th day nor the 15th but He blessed the 7th Day only.

To work out this mess the Lunar Sabbath keepers come up with all sorts of juggling, first it was hiding the extra days by arguing is it a molad, sliver, conjunction or something along those lines. Then some will go so far to suggest that day starts at sunrise and not sunset. So to compound error begets another error where a Sadduceen day is chosen.

Note the Sadducees believed in the day starting at sunrise while the Pharisees believed in days starting at sunset. The Pharisee were correct while the Sadducees were wrong. Note also that today's modern Karaite movement has arisen out of the Sadducees. Unlike today many of the Sadducees were in fact enemies of Yahushua at His time so do not be deceived to run after the Sadducees.

The Jewish argument

G-d said Judah is my lawgiver (Ps 60:7) and therefore the Sabbath as organised by the Jewish people is correct.

Psa 60:7 (KJV) Gilead is mine, and Manasseh is mine; Ephraim also is the strength of mine head; **Judah is my lawgiver;**

They have gone through the exile and came back in the land to establish the 7th day cycle and have faithfully continued to keep it. We find no argument in the Renewed Covenant (NT) at all with the Pharisees ever regarding the Sabbath where Yahushua would ever rebuke them. It did not happen as the Sabbath was a straight 7 days cycle and there was no issue even Yahushua was seen in the Synagogues teaching (Mark 1:21). By rejecting Judah's established Sabbath you actually reject YHWH since He set them to make the jurisdiction of the Moe'dim feasts and the Sabbaths. If you would like an example then look at what happened to Korah who also rebelled with his company of men against Moses (Num 16:2) who was the lawgiver over Israel.

Please do not be carried by every wind of doctrine that comes your way, use wise and righteous teachers to help you to understand things you do not understand but don't run after the masses.

Scriptural argument

Exodus 16:4 (NKJV) Then the L-rd said to Moses, "Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you. And the people shall go out and gather a certain quota every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in My law or not.

Some authors assert that this particular test came on the 15th of the month and Israel should have know about the lunar Sabbath and that they were transgressing it.

I can tell you one coincidence of the 15th of the day of the month does not mean it ran the same each month and so this is pick and choose style of argument.

The author of the same article on the Lunar Sabbath presupposes that Abraham never kept the Sabbath neither did any previous ancestors so that his Lunar Sabbath theory can work.

I can assure you this is pure conjecture and lack of scripture knowledge. In fact I will prove to you here that Abraham kept the High Holy days and by extension the 7th day Sabbath.

Genesis 18:6-7 (NKJV) So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quickly, make ready three measures of fine meal; knead it and **make cakes**." (7) And Abraham ran to the herd, took **a tender and good calf**, gave it to a young man, and he hastened to prepare it.

When Abraham was visited by YHWH rest assured it was the day of the Passover Sabbath. YHWH came to Abraham on a special appointed moe'dim which Abraham and Lot were diligently keeping. Let me show you Lot and the feast of Unleavened Bread. Note Abraham also asks Sarah to bake Unleavened Cakes and not leavened including the sacrifice of the calf. At Abraham's time it was a calf and not a lamb that was sacrificed. We will also sacrifice a calf in the 3rd Temple and not a lamb.

Let's look at Lot.

Genesis 19: 1-3 (NKJV) Now the two angels came to Sodom in the evening, and Lot was sitting in the gate of Sodom. When Lot saw them, he rose to meet them, and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground.(2) And he said, "Here now, my L-rds, please turn in to your servant's house and spend the night, and wash your feet; then you may rise early and go on your way." And they said, "No, but we will spend the night in the open square." (3) But he insisted strongly; so they turned in to him and entered his house. Then **he made them a feast**, and baked **Unleavened Bread**,(Matzah) and they ate.

So when G-d entered our time and space to meet Abraham it was the Passover and the next day it was the feast of **Unleavened Bread**, which Lot was celebrating. This shows the person above who argued about the Lunar Sabbath or that Abraham and the previous generations did not keep the Sabbath is clearly in error. The Sabbath was kept

by Abraham, the Sabbath was kept by Lot, the Sabbath was kept by Noah, and by Adam even. Do not challenge me I can prove everything I say but you first bring proof that they did not keep the Sabbath and then I will show you how they did. This is the difference between a Levite and a non-Levite. We were chosen as the teachers in the first Tabernacle and both Temples and will remain so because G-d has a covenant with us forever. You will also find Levites operating the 3rd Temple. Remember Judah is the law giver. Levite stayed with Judah. Right now some of us are in the nations but there is good reason for that until the Messiah returns.

G-d himself gave testimony of Abraham being a good Torah keeper.

Genesis 26:5 (NKJV) "because Abraham **obeyed My voice** (Torah) and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes, and My laws (Torot)."

Who are you going to believe G-d or the people leading you into the Lunar Sabbath?

Lunar Sabbatarians build a straw man argument which can be easily be refuted and pulled down. Here are two of the classical ones used that the moon is to be used in all moe'dim (Appointed times)

Genesis 1:14 (NKJV) Then G-d said, "Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years;

Psalms 104:19 (NKJV) He appointed the moon for seasons; The sun knows its going down.

The problem is with those who have an agenda to subvert they will only use one and not the other. So if the passage above speaks about the moon then what about the sun? We know a day cannot be reckoned without either the sun or moon and the same goes for the weekly Sabbath. It is based on the sunset. Why use the moon and not the sun? Also all the feasts are not calculated using the moon alone this is a false assumption.

Leviticus 23:2-3 (NKJV) "Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: `The feasts (moe'dim) of the Lord, which you shall proclaim to be holy convocations, these are My feasts. (3) `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.

The Lunar Sabbath keeper argument goes that the weekly Sabbath and regular yearly moe'dim are mentioned in Leviticus 23:2 where the word "feasts" is used therefore the moon must be used in the weekly Sabbath. It might seem what they are saying has somewhat truth in it but when we examine the term moe'dim we find the argument collapses. Let me show you.

Genesis 21:2 (KJV) For Sarah conceived, and bare Abraham^{H85} a son in his old age, at the set time^{H4150} (Moe'dim) of which G-d had spoken to him.

Please note the same Hebrew term Moe'd is used for the set time when Sarah was to conceive so are we to presuppose that Sarah conceived on a new moon day and hence

forth all special births are to happen on the new moons? Not so beware. Ancient Hebrew had a wide array of meanings.

1 Samuel 9:24 (NKJV) So the cook took up the thigh with its upper part and set it before Saul. And Samuel said, "Here it is, what was kept back. It was **set apart (Mo'ed)** for you. Eat; for until this time it has been kept for you, since I said I invited the people." So Saul ate with Samuel that day.

So once again Samuel presents the thigh of meat to Shaul. This has nothing to do with the new moon. The new moon was not used in assessing all things so this is a fallacy that many people live under. Also only certain new moons are held as special which are commanded while the rest are not. Generally there is no injunction to take time off work on New moon days or to stop working unless a commanded annual feast falls on that day such as the 7th Month first day feast of blowing of Shofars or Rosh Hashana.

Commanded New Moon rest because of an annual feast

Leviticus 23:24 (NKJV) "Speak to the children of Israel, saying: `In the seventh month, on the first day of the month, you shall have a sabbath-rest, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, a holy convocation.

People in Israel in ancient times quite happily worked and carried on with the daily grind and even travelled out to places which if you remember was forbidden for more than a certain distance.

Ezra 7:9 (NKJV) On the **first day of the first month** he began his journey from Babylon, and on the first day of the fifth month he came to Jerusalem, according to the good hand of his G-d upon him.

Ezra was a lawgiver he was a priest who understood the Torah very well. Note he travelled on the New moon day so beware that you do not come into deceit to think that every new moon is special, the reality is its not.

The other doctrine running around is that Sabbath was on fixed days yearly in the following way:

ABID IYAR SIVAN TAMMUZ AB ELUL

1,8,15,22,29. 6,13,20,27. 4, 5,12,19,26. 3,10,17,24. 1,8,15,22,29.
6,13,20,27.28,29,30, + 3, days.

TISRI BUL CHISLEU TIBETH SHEBAT ADAR

1,8,15,22,29. 6,13,20,27 4,11,18,25. 2,9,16,23 30. 7,14,21,28.
5,12,19,26,27,28,29,30.+ 2 days

All I am going to say is to give you the following verse.

Psalms 60:7 (NKJV) Gilead is Mine, and Manasseh is Mine; Ephraim also is the helmet for My head; **Judah is My lawgiver.**

Now you can either decide to believe what G-d has said about Judah (Jewish Israel) or you can run after these groups for the rest of your life. Its really your choice. This is why G-d had teachers and Rabbis who would decide matter of law. When you have lay people deciding matters of G-d's law then chaos is the order of the day. So be warned.

I want to point out that in 70 CE both the House of Shammai and the House of Hillel had a dispute about something and then a Bat Kol (Voice from heaven) was heard that said that both what these schools speak are the words of G-d but the School of Hillel Rules from this day and the school of Hillel has ruled since that day. The Jewish people are quite correct in their Sabbath observance and in many other things they have already made halacha (way of conduct) is fine. Some things may appear to go a bit too far but they are in essence trying to protect the Torah, remember they are the lawgiver so either you agree with YHWH's lawgiver or you don't. Yes its true they do not have a revelation of the Messiah but this is how it is meant to be so once again what has been established and practiced for over 2000 years I can tell you is correct. If you want sanity in your lives I suggest you go to a Jewish Synagogue and avoid all these bad teachers teaching bad doctrines and yes I do mean the Orthodox Synagogue.

Your belief on the Messiah is your personal belief and that will not hinder you from sitting and studying in the Synagogue.

Let me tell you categorically that G-d has rejected doctrines coming out of Christendom at least on Torah as they do not have the right to make Torah law. Here is proof below.

Psalm 78:9-10 (NKJV) The children of Ephraim, being armed and carrying bows, Turned back in the day of battle. (10) They **did not keep the covenant of G-d;** They refused to **walk in His law,**

Do you see who did not keep the Torah and to this day refuse to keep it? These are the Christians still living in dogmatic error and on top many of these groups now come up with erroneous doctrines which YHWH has rejected.

Psalm 78:67-68 (NKJV) Moreover **He rejected the tent of Joseph,** And did not **choose the tribe of Ephraim,** (68) But chose the tribe of Judah, Mount Zion which He loved.

Now hopefully you can see why Yahushua came for Joseph the ten tribes and why G-d rejected the tents of Joseph (Christianity) because they refues to obey His Torah (Law) but instead He chose Judah as His lawgiver.

If I start covering every point the article will become very big and I do not want to make it reams and reams of pages so I have only covered what I thought were the pertinent points. May Yahuweh bless you all.

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